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News worth sharing.

Cat poo. Coffee

▶ Coffee shop owner Arkady Draliuk makes a cup of cat poo coffee at Bean Brothers Café on Thursday.

KIMIYA SHOKOOHI/FOR METRO

Will you be lapping up this brew?

On Friday, the Kerrisdale coffee shop begins selling the cup of java brewed from beans that have passed through the digestive system of a civet. The rare coffee sells for $30 a cup. Story, page 6.

Assange freed on bail

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Wet-weather fashion

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Calls grow for extended transit hours

▶ Business, commuters, politicians unite to demand more bus, train options after 1 a.m. ▶ Falcon pledges to 'work with' TransLink to figure out funding options

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A new era of late-night transit may soon be in the works for Vancouver, after several key players came out this week in favour of expanding the city's post-midnight bus and SkyTrain services.

TransLink is facing criticism for its limited late-night options, with SkyTrains stopping around 1 a.m. and only a select number of Night Bus routes available to early morning commuters.

A lack of funding and TransLink's need for nightly maintenance has traditionally been blamed for the service cutoff, but an emerging consensus among some powerful voices is now putting unprecedented pressure on the transit provider.

"I can tell you, coming from Surrey, that it is not inexpensive to take a cab ride back to Surrey from downtown," said Liberal leadership candidate and former transportation minister Kevin Falcon Thursday, pledging to keep SkyTrains running past 1 a.m. should he be elected premier.

Falcon's call has been echoed by numerous other interest groups as of late, including the Canadian Auto Workers Union, the B.C. Restaurant Association, and Vancouver BarWatch, all of whom have called for TransLink to provide transportation after 3 a.m. — the time Vancouver bars are legally required to close.

▶ Liberal leadership hopeful Kevin Falcon at Stadium-Chinatown SkyTrain station on Thursday.

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▶ Jeremy Peters teaches Metro reporter Stephanie Orford in the Fly Zone Bodyflight wind tunnel on Thursday.

Skydiving minus the sheer terror

- Delta's Fly Zone Bodyflight opened Thursday as the first facility of its kind in Canada
- Vertical wind tunnel is portable, with wind speeds up to 230 km/h

They say a thrilling experience can simulate the feeling of being in love.

Case in point: A 10-foot diameter vertical wind tunnel that lets you fly like you're skydiving — without the free fall.

And I loved it.

My session at Fly Zone Bodyflight in Delta Thursday began with a short lesson in the skydiving hand signals and in how to position your body.

Moments later in a full-body suit, helmet, goggles and earplugs, I was ready to go.

The fan pushed me up into the air as if I were weightless.

The beginner position is kind of like the cobra pose in yoga, but instead of your muscles holding you up, the wind does, so you have to learn to relax into it.

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- **Info:** flyzone.ca

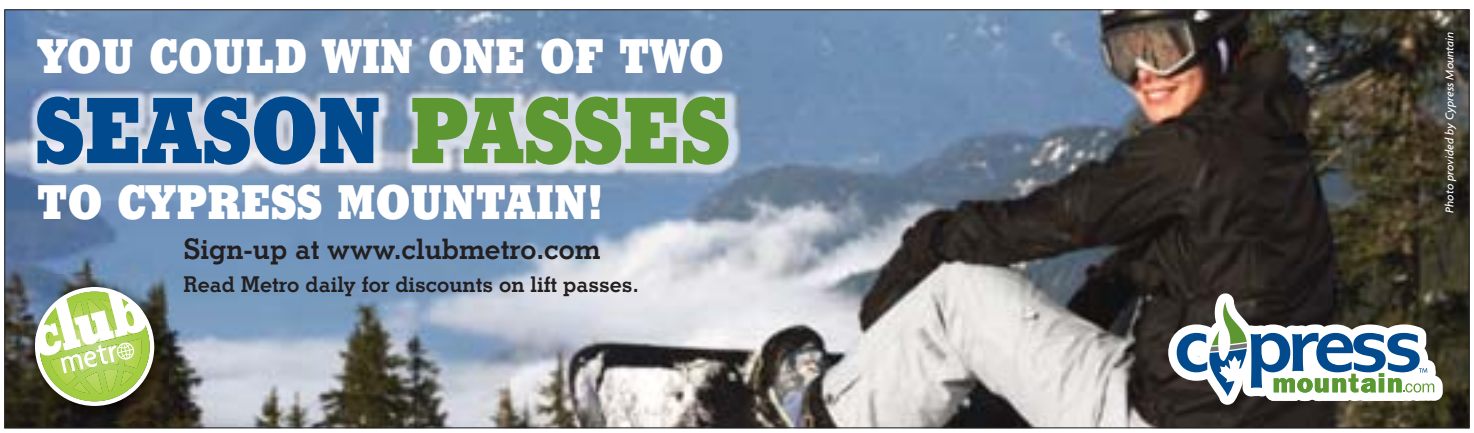
Jeremy Peters, on site to train instructors, said it's all in the core muscles. He's been skydiving for 15 years, jumping out of planes as often as 35 times a day.

"Most people come into the tunnel feeling like they have to man-handle the wind," he explained. But the mantra should really be "move slow, relax, smile, have fun."

Company president and CEO Peter Zaoralek said he's already seen a "huge response" from the public. The tunnel is booked solid for the next three months.

"It's just an amazing experience," said Zaoralek.

STEPHANIE ORFORD



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Dressing dry and staying fly

Wet-weather retailer and umbrella merchant both on a mission to conquer Vancouver rainy-day blahs

▶ Shanda Jerrett tries on gumboots at her Kitsilano boutique, Gumdrops.

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Do you remember when puddle jumping was fun? When rainy days weren't a deterrent but an invitation to go outside and explore a new, wet world?

Shanda Jerrett never forgot. And when the 31-year-old Australian moved to Vancouver and saw how "miserable and depressed" everyone was, she said she was determined not to let the grey make her blue.

She fought back by opening Gumdrops, a wet-weather fashion boutique in Kitsilano that sells colourful and trendy rain accessories.

"Gumdrops was born from an idea of finding a solution to a problem," she said. "I was sick of being soggy."

Noticing that fun galoshes for grownups were hard to come by, she stocked her shelves with colourful and trendy alternatives to boring black boots.

Her footwear comes in a variety styles, like knee-high field boots, patent-inspired ankle boots with wedge heels, sneakers and ballet flats.

She even sells water-repellent Emus.

Rather than making galoshes a necessary evil, she suggested that we think of them as fashion statements.

Jen Zurowski, 32, was equally motivated to find the silver lining in the rain cloud when she moved to Vancouver from Calgary.

"(My first winter) I went through I can't even count how many umbrellas," she said. "They seemed to disintegrate. I wanted something cute and all I could find were plain (umbrellas)."

So she started her own brand of durable, fun brollies called Cheeky Umbrellas, which sell in more than 100 retailers across Canada.

Most of her umbrellas have a saying on the outside and a splash of colour on the inside.

Sayings include "I prefer umbrellas in my cocktails," "I sizzle in the drizzle" and "When does it start raining men?"

"Be well equipped (for the rain)," Zurowski said. "It's a fact of life here, (so) just get out and rock it."

RAIN CITY

Soggy shopping

Funky wet-weather outlets:

- **Gumdrops** 2029 West 4th Ave.
- **Caça** 2571 West Broadway.
- **The Umbrella Shop** Four locations, including Granville Island.
- **Cheeky Umbrella** available at stores around the city, including **Gumdrops** and **Fine Finds.**

What's your essential rainy-day item? Tell us on Twitter (@metrovancouver) or on the web (metronews.ca).

Style File

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RAINY-DAY JACKETS

The fall military-jacket trend has shown its staying power this season by introducing the definitive army-green colour and style to rain jackets. Look out for this popular coat in a lengthy and windproof style. One that falls past the waist and hips for full upper-body coverage. An interior waist drawstring will trap the heat in and give you a defined shape. If you want a quality jacket that can withstand extreme downpours, ask around for DWR (durable water repellent) and Entrant DT. Both are breathable fabric treatments that help keep the rain and moisture out.

Tips from Kim:

Gore-Tex is popular for rain and snow gear. Make sure you regularly wash this fabric, as it can get polluted. Perk up the fibres in the dryer to restore the fabric's water-proofing resilience.

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THE CROPPED CASUAL
Shop: Pacific Boarder
Location: 1793 West 4th Ave.
Price: $109
Brand: Element

2

THE SHELL
Shop: MEC
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3

THE PARKA
Shop: The Bay Downtown
Location: 674 Granville St.
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Brand: VeroModa

RAINY-DAY BOOTS

Don't get stuck in the rain rut with soggy socks and shoes. This season's popular rain-boot looks aren't the usual bright wellies. Rubber boots that look like leather riding boots, cowboy boots and lace-up boots are popping up everywhere. They look good, they're durable and you can wear them in the rain!

Tips from Kim:

1. Make sure the boot you buy is insulated. It'll keep you warm and double up as a snow boot for the winter months.
2. Walking the city streets and forest trails can wear and tear your rubber boots. If you spend a bit more on your boots, a protected warranty should always accompany the purchase.
3. Lace-up boots or those with an elastic stretch at the back ensure that you'll be able to easily take off your boots after a long walk in the rain.

1

THE LACE-UP
Shop: The Bay Downtown
Location: 674 Granville St.
Price: $255
Brand: Chloe

2

THE COWBOY BOOT
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Don't turn up your nose at this cat poo coffee

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▶ Bean Brothers Café owner Arkady Draliuk offers up a freshly brewed cup of cat poo coffee.

So it's been in a mongoose's tummy? It still costs $30 a cup

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Peppermint mochas and caramel brûlée lattes may just be a thing of the past.

Cat poo coffee — formally called Doi Chaang Wild Thai Civet coffee — comes to Vancouver Friday, courtesy of Kerrisdale's Bean Brothers Café.

It's not a cutesy title, nor is it a marketing gimmick, Bean Brothers Café owner Arkady Draliuk stresses.

Cat poo coffee is quite literally java produced from coffee cherries passed through the digestive system of a Southeast Asian mongoose.

"It's the chemical reaction in the animal's digestive system that's made it so sweet," Draliuk said.

"It's exotic, obviously. But people are coming in only wanting to buy poo coffee."
ARKADY DRALIUK, OWNER OF BEAN BROTHERS CAFÉ

"When there are lots of different coffee places around, you have to create something different."

So on a search for something different he went — and different he found, during a regional coffee exhibition where he first tried the brew.

Calling it a poignant, yet smooth and sweet coffee, Draliuk starts selling the award-winning brew as of Friday — for $30 a cup.

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News in brief

Victim of purse theft sought

INVESTIGATION. Vancouver police are crediting a Good Samaritan for interrupting a purse snatching near the Granville SkyTrain Station. The victim left before police arrived and officers are asking her to come forward to help the investigation.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Ads coming to fare cards

TRANSIT. TransLink's FareCards will soon include ads. The move will help to reduce the need to increase fares. The move will bring in a minimum of $84,000 a year. Advertising on Coast Mountain buses and SkyTrain currently bring in about $9 million a year.

Pair facing firearm charges

CRIME. Two alleged Metro Vancouver gun traffickers are facing various firearm-related charges after a four-month-long police investigation led to their arrest. Investigators say the weapons could have ended up in the hands of a number of gangs and organized crime groups.

KIMIYA SHOKOOHI

Crime Watch expands

VPD actively recruiting more businesses to its Restaurant Watch and Bar Watch programs Department's automatic licence plate reader will be used at counterattack roadblocks to search for cars owned by gangsters

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO

▶ Deputy Chief Warren Lemcke speaks to reporters at Vancouver police headquarters on Thursday.

Vancouver police have announced another element to their renewed crackdown on gangs — the expansion of its Citizens' Crime Watch program.

The organization, which launched nearly three decades ago, is doubling in size to 200 volunteers after the department found the resources to accommodate almost everyone on its waiting list.

Police Chief Jim Chu said members help police identify stolen cars and vehicles that belong to known gangsters.

"The volunteers will create an invisible net around high-profile gang hang-outs and report to police when they spot a licence plate from the list," said Chu.

"When a gangster crosses the city limits of Vancouver, he is crossing through into a net of surveillance," added Deputy Chief Warren Lemcke.

Const. Oscar Alvarez, who is in charge of the Citizens' Crime Watch, said members scanned more than 300,000 licence plates last year.

"Our volunteers have recovered over 40 stolen vehicles and have helped police catch impaired drivers and criminals involved in a variety of other crimes," he said.

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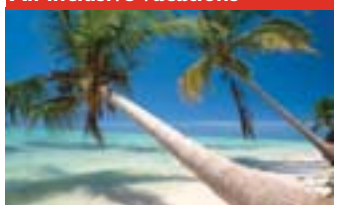

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Five shooting victims still in hospital

SHOOTING. Three more of the 10 Oak Street shooting victims have been released from hospital, police said Thursday. Two women and three men remain in hospital receiving treatment for gunshot wounds. None of the shooting victims have been identified.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Al-Qaida taken with mask?

SECURITY. Some extremist Islamic websites are buzzing with talk about a Chinese man who got on a plane from Hong Kong to Vancouver in October disguised as an elderly white man.

More than one person writing on a forum on one al-Qaida-affiliated site says the disguise is a great idea that can benefit terrorists.

A person writing on another website says the masks could be used for the infiltration and penetration of "the enemy." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Free booze for homeless?

VICTORIA. Some B.C. researchers are recommending giving free alcohol to homeless alcoholics to cut down on their drinking dangerous products such as rubbing alcohol and mouthwash.

Tim Stockwell of the Centre for Addictions Research at the University of Victoria calls it a harm-reduction program similar to safe drug injection sites for drug addicts.

The centre is also calling on the B.C. government to raise the prices of the cheapest wines, ciders and beers in liquor stores.

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NDP: Report a wake-up call

POVERTY. The NDP says a new report showing B.C. with the worst poverty rate in Canada for a decade is a wake-up call for the Liberal leadership candidates.

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WikiLeaks founder gets released on bail

Assange heads to English country mansion Could potentially publish more leaked U.S. diplomatic cables

The once-elusive WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was freed on bail Thursday as Sweden pushes its case for extradition and the United States considers its own criminal charges over his website's release of secret information.

The silver-haired Australian emerged from London's neo-Gothic High Court building after a tense scramble to gather the money and signatures needed to free him.

Assange — who's been out of the public eye for more than a month — told supporters he would pursue his efforts to bring government secrets to light.

"It's great to smell the fresh air of London again," he said to cheers from outside the court. "I hope to continue my work."

Assange is now headed to Ellingham Hall, a 10-bedroom mansion about 195 kilometres northeast of central London that belongs to Vaughan Smith, a WikiLeaks supporter and founder of London's Frontline Club for journalists.

Assange will have to observe a curfew, wear an electronic tag and report to police every day — restrictions imposed by High Court Justice Duncan Ouseley.

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Accusations

Assange is accused of rape, molestation and unlawful coercion.

- **Assange's lawyers** say the allegations stem from a dispute over "consensual but unprotected sex."
- **Lawyer Gemma Lindfield,** acting for Sweden, said given Assange's nomadic lifestyle, there was "a real risk" he would flee.
- **But the judge** said when Assange arrived in Britain, he had asked his lawyers to contact police so they would know where he was.

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- Canada Post and union take fight to Supreme Court
- Pay equity dispute has spanned a generation

It's a legal fight that has spanned a generation, and now the Supreme Court of Canada has decided to settle the landmark $150-million pay equity dispute between Canada Post and its union.

The court will hear the case that has ensnared the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Canada Post and the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. The Supreme Court gave no reasons Thursday for granting leave to appeal.

PSAC claimed in August, 1983, that women were being discriminated against under the Canadian Human Rights Act because they made less than men in comparable jobs.

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The complex case relied on more than a decade of human rights hearings — some 410 working days between 1992 and 2003 — and featured complicated number crunching that compared work done by men and women.

The tribunal compared wages between 6,000 current and former mainly female clerical staff and the predominantly male postal operations group.

After more than a decade of hearings, the tribunal ruled in 2005 that Canada Post had violated the act and awarded back pay and interest of about $150 million.

But this year the Federal Court of Appeal set aside the tribunal's decision, saying the tribunal's finding of discrimination could not be supported.

"The case is profoundly important because it deals with underlying pay equity principles in the federal jurisdiction that have cried out for guidance for some time," said the union's lawyer, Andrew Raven.

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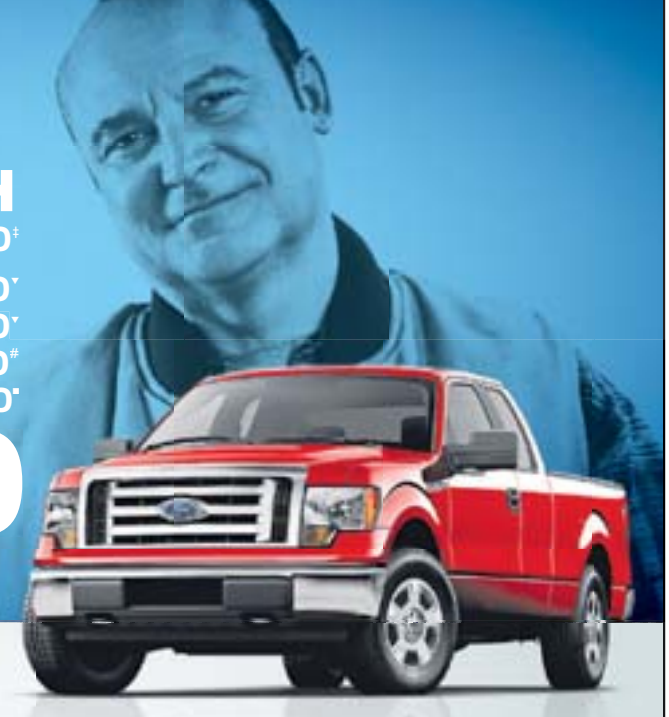

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Court blasts Ireland on abortion issue

- Procedure has been in legal limbo for 18 years
- Irish women travel overseas for terminations

Ireland's constitutional ban on abortion violates pregnant women's right to receive proper medical care in life-threatening cases, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Thursday, harshly criticizing Ireland's long inaction on the issue.

The Strasbourg, France-based court ruled that a pregnant woman fighting cancer should have been allowed to get an abortion in Ireland in 2005 rather than being forced to go to England for the procedure.

The judgment put Ireland under pressure to draft a law extending abortion rights to women whose pregnancies represent a potentially fatal threat to their health. Ireland has resisted doing that despite a 1992 judgment from the Irish Supreme Court that said Ireland should provide abortions in cases where a woman's life is endangered — including her own threats to commit suicide.

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▶ Carmel Stewart, lawyer for three women victims of restrictions on abortion in Ireland.

"The sad experience is that once laws permitting abortion are introduced, they diminish the society's respect for the inherent value of every human life, born or unborn."

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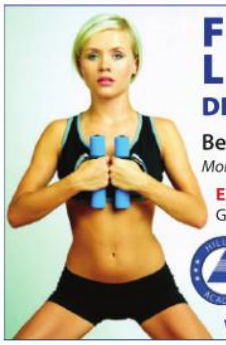

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▶ Propmaster Jimmy Chow at Vancouver's White Monkey design on Prior Street.

5 MINUTES WITH: JIMMY CHOW

The Vancouver-based "propmaster" has crafted on-screen artifacts for numerous Hollywood blockbusters. Most recently, he lent his talents to Tron: Legacy, which debuts this week.

What exactly is a "prop"?
Anything that's handled or used by an actor is usually called a prop. So you'll read a script and there'll be certain specific things in it, and you'll underline them, and research them. If it's a period piece you would have to research that actual historical period, or if it's a movie like Tron, you have to go into consultation with the production designers, illustrators and director, and render it, draw it and make prototypes.

In a movie like Tron, where so much of what we see is CGI, how exactly is it decided what should be a real-world prop and what should just be done with computers?
In my position, I want to push the physical as much as I can. Looking at these movies and where it's going, they could just about generate it all with CG, but it's very, very expensive. I think actors still prefer a physical thing to hold on to; it helps with their performance. The lines can be drawn anywhere now, though. It's a fluctuating grey zone.

It was interesting seeing some of the futuristic meals in Tron. What was your thinking in deciding how the food and drink in that universe would be?
The drinks had to glow. That was one specific thing that Joe Kosinski, the director, really wanted. So that was quite a challenge. At first we thought that we'd use a cyalume solution, but it only had a shelf life of 10 minutes — plus it's toxic poison. What we did in the end was light the drinks with individual little lights underneath.

A lot of the space-age technology we see in Tron, such as touch screens and tablet PCs, actually exist in modern day. Do you feel like it's getting harder to do good sci-fi props as real-world technology begins to catch up with fantasy?
It is. You have to project ahead as to what's going to be current. It's one of those things where you depend on bleeding-edge technology. I have contacts with Motorola, and they have prototypes I get to see, where they say, "This is what we think the future's going to be." For me, it's like a good graphic design. If you look back 10 years from now, you should still go, "Oh, that's good." ● JENNIFER GAUTHIER

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Lump of coal ordered

Letters & Tweets

Re: Paul Sullivan's column, Tired of the entire giving process (Dec. 15)

HALIFAX. At the risk of sounding like you, I am trying really hard to say something constructive about your completely arrogant and ignorant article. I couldn't believe what I was reading.

Of all the bloodsucking corporations or annoying media coverage about Brad Pitt or Miley Cyrus smoking bongs, charities are obviously the most horrible annoyance of them in your opinion. This may surprise you, but these "charitable panhandlers" and charities work very hard to try to give something back to those who are in need.

The true ignorance portrayed in your article comes from the fact that you make the charities seem as if they do nothing for anyone, including yourself.

If you do charity work, what would your fellow charity workers feel like if they read your article?

Shame on you for using the amazing gift you've been given to write and be heard, and use it to speak poorly of those that we all need the most, especially this time of year.

A more appropriate article might have been "Why are charity donations down this year, and why people are too greedy to help." DREW MCQUINN

Bah, humbug!

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Whether you are an opera lover or not, I, Don Giovanni will transport you to 18th-century Europe with its great acting and singing.

This film focuses on Lorenzo da Ponte, the writer for one of the most famous operas, Don Giovanni. Da Ponte is a womanizer like Don Giovanni and his heretical actions force his exile. He seeks refuge in Vienna where he meets Mozart. The film is directed by Spanish filmmaker Carlos Saura, who is known for music-themed films like Carmen and Tango. It screens tonight at 6:30 at Vancity Theatre (1181 Seymour St.). Tickets are $11 for adults and $9 for students. Visit viff.org for details. ● AYAKA KAWAI

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Europe's debt problems weigh on TSX, loonie

New York markets higher amid signs job market improving ● Analyst sees oil topping $100 next year

The Canadian dollar lost ground to its U.S. counterpart Thursday amid nervousness about Europe's sovereign debt problems.

Risk aversion drove investors to the perceived safe haven of the U.S. dollar, which further weakened commodities and other currencies.

The Toronto stock market also was lower Thursday as commodities prices fell back amid a higher U.S. dollar and worries that Europe's sovereign debt problems could hurt demand for resources.

A warning from Moody's Investor Services that it may downgrade Spain's public debt put Europe's debt crisis back to the forefront of investors' concerns. Following Tuesday's similar warning on Belgium from rival agency Standard & Poor's, investors are again nervous that the debt crisis will spread, particularly to Spain, following bailouts of Greece and Ireland.

Lower commodity prices helped weaken the Canadian currency as oil prices fell below $88 US a barrel despite a plunge in U.S. crude supplies last week that suggested demand may be recovering.

The stronger U.S. dollar also helped push the January crude contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. THURSDAY

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RIM surpasses profit estimates

Subscriber growth below expectation of 5.2 million

Canada's biggest technology company topped analysts' forecasts for its third-quarter profit, but missed expectations on subscriber growth, prompting shares in Research In Motion Ltd. to bounce around in late trading Thursday.

Earnings per share of $1.74 US easily exceeded the consensus analyst forecast of $1.65 on strong demand in North America and internationally for the Waterloo, Ont.-based company's BlackBerry Curve and touch-screen Torch smartphone devices. Net income for the third quarter climbed to $911.1 million from $628.4 million, or $1.10 cents a share, a year earlier.

Sales rose 40 per cent year-over-year to $5.49 billion, in line with expectations as the "BlackBerry continues to take off around the world," RIM co-chief executive Jim Balsillie said in a conference call.

A marketing campaign in the U.S. and an improved BlackBerry 6 operating system drove strong Torch sales in the quarter, but RIM continues to lose customers to Apple Inc.'s iPhone. RIM is offering less-expensive devices internationally to ease the loss of market share to the iPhone and handsets based on Google Inc.'s Android software.

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Recall not for Canada

Honda Motor Co. says a global recall of 1.35-million Fit subcompact cars that have defective headlight wiring does not include Canadian versions of the model because it has a different wiring system in order to comply with laws that require daytime running lights. Honda said Thursday it would recall 143,000 cars in the United States and 734,000 cars in Japan, with the Japanese recall costing the company around $42.8 million US.

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Bing counts on friends

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- Actor couldn't turn down the chance to work with the legendary Coen Brothers in True Grit
- Loved the opportunity to film a movie with 'The Dude' Jeff Bridges

▶ Canadian actor Barry Pepper plays the villain Lucky Ned Pepper in True Grit.

Pepper enjoys playing bad guys

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After first grabbing attention in Saving Private Ryan 12 years ago, Canadian actor Barry Pepper has quietly cultivated a career of guys' movies, including We Were Soldiers, Flags of Our Fathers and his latest, the Coen brothers' take on True Grit. But he swears the testosterone-heavy resumé wasn't by design. Pepper sat down with Metro to talk about honour among thieves, turning 40 with The Dude and getting his mouth around that Coen brother dialogue.

You seem to do a lot of westerns and war films, movies with male camaraderie at the core. Is that intentional?

No, there's no conscious sort of rhyme or reason to it. This time it was just, "Would you like the opportunity to work with the Coen brothers?" Yeah, absolutely. Just recently my agent called and said, "Terrence Malick would like you to be in his next movie." It's like, "Great. Where do I send the check?" There are certain legendary directors like that — and the Coen brothers are in that pantheon — that you just would do anything for. They're in everyone's sort of Top 10, on every actor's wish list of must-work-with filmmakers.

Your character, Lucky Ned Pepper, is one of the film's bad guys, but he's sort of an honourable villain.

He has sort of this fair-play sense of justice. I think too, back then, it was a simpler Old Testament, eye-for-an-eye world, and there was a simpler sort of code, you know? Westerns tend to overemphasize the ruthlessness of the Old West, but many people were sort of raised and schooled on the King James bible. And that's also why they talked the way they did, I think.

A lot of the dialogue comes straight from the novel, but it feels like something the Coen brothers could have written, doesn't it?

It really does, because a lot of their films really have that quality, don't they? They really create their own world with the language that they use. And you go, "Wow, that's really an oddball choice of words." And yet somehow it works for them. It's like music.

How was working with Jeff Bridges?

For me he'll always and forever be The Dude because that's who he is. He brings a joy to a film set — or really everywhere he goes. People just enjoy being around him.

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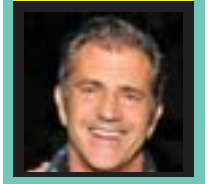
News in brief



Mel Gibson's next movie finally has a release date. Summit Entertainment announced Wednesday that Gibson's comic drama The Beaver will open in limited release next March 23 and expand to more theatres on April 8. The film has been in limbo amid Gibson's custody battle with ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, who claims he physically abused her. The Beaver is directed by Jodie Foster and stars Gibson as a troubled family man trying to cope with help from an unusual friend — a beaver puppet he wears on his hand.

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HOLLYWOOD LOVES A GOOD BOXER

When English boxer Bruno Frank said "Boxing is just show business with blood," he was onto something. Ever since 1937's Kid Galahad entertained depression era audiences, there has been a steady flow of films set inside the square circle. For generations audiences have flocked to the intersection of show biz and blood — the movie theatre — to see films like Gentleman Jim, Million Dollar Baby and, of course, Rocky.

This weekend Mark Wahlberg adds to that list when he stars as pugilist Micky Ward in The Fighter, joining a long line of actors who have strapped on gloves to play real life boxers.

In Resurrecting the Champ, a sports writer thinks a homeless man (Samuel L. Jackson) might actually be a down-on-his-luck boxing legend. Loosely based on the story of Bob Satterfield, a fighter ranked in Ring magazine's list of 100 greatest punchers of all time, it takes some liberties with the real story but makes up for inaccuracies with a great performance from Jackson.

Another flawed boxing movie saved by its performances is The Great White Hope, based on Jack Johnson, a boxer nicknamed the "Galveston Giant." For some reason the names were changed for the movie but the story of Johnson's struggle with racism is brought to vivid life in a towering performance by James Earl Jones who originated the part on Broadway. A 2005 documentary Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson revisited the story, correcting many of the mistakes of the original film.

Somebody Up There Likes Me stars Paul Newman (replacing James Dean who died before filming) as world middleweight champion Rocky Graziano. The fighter is portrayed as a tough kid from New York's "lower East Side where both sides of the tracks were wrong" whose violent and callous ways are changed by the love of a good woman.

As mushy as the love story is — it inspired Sylvester Stallone when he was writing the Adrian storyline in Rocky — the fight scenes are brutally authentic.

Probably the greatest boxing bio is Raging Bull, the story of Jake "Come on, hit me. Harder. Harder" LaMotta, which earned Robert De Niro a Best Actor Oscar. But Cinderella Man, the inspiring true story of James J. Braddock and Gentleman Jim (which sees Errol Flynn playing Jim Corbett, the first heavyweight champion of the world under the new Marquis of Queensberry) is also worth a look.

▶ Robert De Niro in Raging Bull.

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Better than advertised

The Fighter
Genre: Drama
Director: David O Russell
Stars: Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale, Amy Adams
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Marketed as a by-the-numbers boxing melodrama, The Fighter is actually a delicate and often hilarious study of a dysfunctional family. Mark Wahlberg stars as welterweight champion Micky Ward who struggled in obscurity throughout the '80s, held back by an overbearing mother/manager (Melissa Leo) and a crack addict former fighter brother (Christian Bale).

The family dynamics prove to be far more harrowing and entertaining than any of the expertly staged fights. The only problem is that script lazily falls into a clichéd triumph over adversity championship win in the last act with plenty of training montages.

The project was a labour of love for Wahlberg, who spent for years training for the role and it's one of the actor's best performances, who is always better suited to low-key roles than blockbusters.

However, it's Bale who steals the movie in a remarkable wirey performance as the burned out crack addled Dicky that could get him an Oscar. Leo and Amy Adams are as good as ever, but this is the boys' show and they carry the movie admirably. David O Russell excels as a director for hire, using his dynamic visuals, verbal wit, and skill with actors to elevate the film above its genre. There's simply too much talent involved for the film to be the tired boxing drama the trailers suggest.

PHIL BROWN

How Do You Know
Genre: Comedy
Director: James L. Brooks
Stars: Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd, Owen Wilson
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Writer/director James L. Brooks is the man behind beloved TV shows like The Simpsons and award winning movies like Broadcast News. In theory, a movie made by him with a cast including Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd, Owen Wilson, and Jack Nicholson should be a romantic comedy classic. Unfortunately, that's not the case. While there are individual scenes that hit the level of belly laughs and emotional resonance that Brooks was hoping for, most of the time it lurches awkwardly between tired slapstick (people getting hit in the head = funny) and failed attempts at drama. Even Jack Nicholson (who previously won two Oscars for Brooks' films) seems lost, flailing around the screen practically begging for laughs. Sadly, this is an interesting failure at best.

PHIL BROWN

TRON: Legacy
Genre: Action/Sci-Fi
Director: Joseph Kosinski
Stars: Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund
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Let's not mince words: Simply put, TRON: Legacy is a cinematic spectacle.
A long-awaited sequel to Disney's 1982 hit about a computer whiz (Jeff Bridges) who gets zapped into the digital world he himself creates, this visually-stunning reimagining features his son (Garrett Hedlund) entering "The Grid" to rescue his father two decades later. While the film kicks off engaging enough, the story exceedingly lags when director Joseph Kosinski strays from the cleverly-designed action and art direction. Even so, the first-timer gives the property great respect and displays an amazing eye. Throw in kudos for hiring electronic music duo Daft Punk to deliver a top-notch score. If nothing else, TRON was made to be seen on the big-screen.

STEVE GOW

Yogi Bear
Genre: Animation
Director: Eric Brevig
Stars: Dan Aykroyd, Justin Timberlake, Anna Faris
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Dan Aykroyd can't do the voice of Yogi Bear despite getting cast in the role. The fact that the filmmakers couldn't be bothered to find an actor who could handle the iconic voice shows just how little effort was put into this abysmal movie. Not even children were laughing at the preview screening, which had the atmosphere of a funeral.

PHIL BROWN

Made in Dagenham
Genre: Drama
Director: Nigel Cole
Stars: Sally Hawkins, Miranda Richardson, Bob Hoskins
◍◍½

Like Billy Elliott before it, Made in Dagenham has that feel-good empowerment vibe so beloved by Elton John and West End musicals producers. It's got it all, an adorable lead (Hawkins) who discovers her passion in an equal pay beef, a firebrand politician fuelled by sexual politics (Richardson), a feminist union rep with a heart of gold (Hoskins), and buckets of good cheer. It's the story of Rita O'Grady, who led a women's strike against the Ford plant in Dagenham England in 1968 when it was important to specify "women's" strike.

ANNE BRODIE

I, Don Giovanni
Genre: Drama
Director: Carlos Saura
Stars: Lorenzo Balducci, Tobias Moretti
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I, Don Giovanni covers some of the same territory as Amadeus, although it backgrounds the Mozart-Salieri rivalry to focus on librettist Lorenzo da Ponte. Lushly produced and boldly stylized in its visual presentation, the film is a technical triumph but dramatically underwhelming.

ADAM NAYMAN

Stiller, De Niro have experience with in-laws

Third movie in the Meet the Parents franchise, Little Fockers, shows how the characters' relationship has grown De Niro has fun doing comedy

Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro star in Little Fockers.

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Intensely private but insanely famous actors like Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller tend to greet any question about their private lives with some trepidation, but each has a few solid nuggets of wisdom to offer when it comes to dealing with in-laws.

After all, in addition to each of them being a father-in-law and a son-in-law in real life respectively, the two just had their third go-around for the Meet the Parents franchise, Little Fockers, which is built on the difficulty of maintaining the in-law bonds.

"I haven't told this to my children, but I would if I could think of it," De Niro confesses. "Just look at the parents of the person you're with or interested in and know that you're not only getting into it with them, but also how they behave, how they are and how you have to interact with them for hopefully the rest of your life.

"I try to be my best possible self with my father-in-law and I think I'm OK at it. ... I think if you're a good husband, that makes you a good son-in-law."
BEN STILLER

"You're not just marrying the person — you're attaching yourself to the family for better or worse."

Stiller, too, as a son-in-law, notes the ever-tenuous relationship with in-laws that must always be maintained.

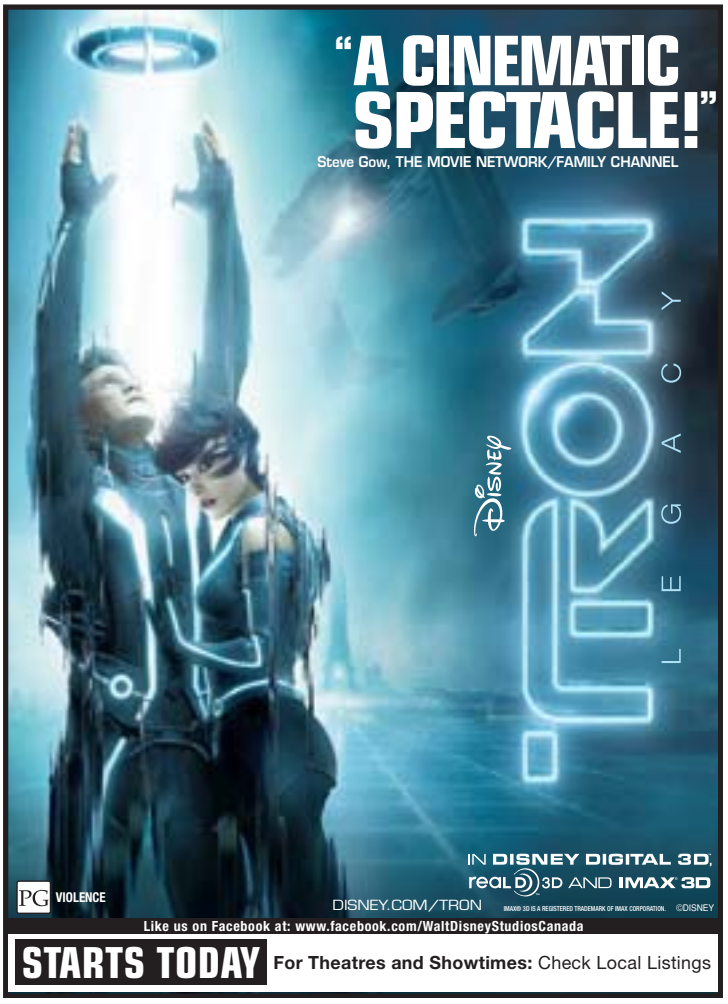
"I try to be my best possible self with my father-in-law and I think I'm OK at it but it's definitely one of those relationships where you're aware that the relationship is there, but we're pretty friendly," he says. "I think if you're a good husband, that makes you a good son-in-law."

As for on-screen roles, the two have managed to keep their on-screen dynamic fresh, considering that Little Fockers takes place once Stiller's character and his wife have had twins. Though Greg Gaylord Focker (Stiller) seems to have had a few years of being on solid ground with his demanding father-in-law, taciturn ex-FBI agent Jack Byrnes (De Niro) we rejoin the family right when that legendary 'circle of trust' might be broken.

"I felt like (it was exciting) to see Jack and Greg's relationship evolve to where Greg's gotten to the point where he's a little more confident in himself and then having to deal with this situation of Jack losing confidence in him and how he reacts differently," Stiller says.

De Niro adds that in contrast to dramatic roles, working on Little Fockers was a chance to loosen up.

"When you're doing comedy I have less restrictions or constrictions," he says. "There's just more room for having fun.



You do know Jack

The thoroughly underwhelming romantic comedy How Do You Know in no way makes the best use of its starry cast — not Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd or Owen Wilson, and most certainly not Jack Nicholson.

But with our glass-half-full attitude we're going to use this as an opportunity to look back at the best of Nicholson's work. Now, given that the man is prolific and we only get to choose five films, this isn't going to be comprehensive. We'll try our best, though, and you're welcome to respond with your choices. We *can* handle the truth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)

The quintessential Nicholson role: He's charmingly subversive, a little volatile, perhaps a little dangerous, but usually smarter than everyone else in the room and always fascinating to watch.

Nicholson won his first Academy Award for best actor for his role as the mental institution rebel R.P. McMurphy (he'd win another for As Good As It Gets and a supporting-actor award for Terms of Endearment).

Of course he's not really crazy, but the relationships he forges with his fellow patients reveal another side of Nicholson's persona: the loyal man's-man.

Chinatown (1974)

Nicholson is in every scene of Roman Polanski's L.A. noir, playing a type, yes — the hard-boiled private eye — but infusing the character with a sensitivity that lurks beneath the tough-guy exterior. Jake Gittes is the kind of role Humphrey Bogart would have played in his prime, but Nicholson never does an impression; he makes this classic, flawed figure his own.

Easy Rider (1969)

This was the performance that made him a star. An iconic film in its own right, Nicholson burst out with his portrayal of the seemingly straight-laced but truly alcoholic lawyer George Hanson. The scene in which he smokes pot for the first time around a bonfire with Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda then shares his theories about UFOs is hilarious. But the image of him riding on the back of Fonda's motorcycle in a suit and a football helmet sums up the film pretty well.

About Schmidt (2002)

More than 30 years after Easy Rider, Nicholson is back on the road to self-discovery. This time, the terrain provides the path not for psychedelic revelations, but for sobering reality. As Warren Schmidt, a recently retired actuary from Omaha, Neb., Nicholson delivers one of the more understated performances of his career, but also one of the most powerful. Gone are the trademark wild hair and impish grin.

The Shining (1980)

Nicholson is deeply unnerving in one of the most frightening films — if not *the* most frightening — ever made. As Jack Torrance, he creates fear not just through the imposing nature of his physical presence, the threat of violence against his wife and child that's hinted at early and builds to a crescendo, but with the idea of the percolating madness inside — the sense that this person is unreliable, both to himself and to others.

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The Polar Express (G) Fri 4
Yogi Bear (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Thu 12:30
Burlesque (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:15
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Due Date (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
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Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (G) Fri-Thu 2:45
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-4:45-6:45
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After 25 years, Larry says goodbye

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▶ Larry King is shown last month.

Larry King pulled down the curtain on his CNN talk show, Larry King Live, after 25 years yesterday, cable television's once dominant voice now faded in a sea of sharp talkers.

King, 77, said this summer he would "hang up his nightly suspenders," and was ushered to the door by a struggling network. British talk-show host and America's Got Talent judge Piers Morgan takes over the 9 p.m. Eastern time slot in January.

Ryan Seacrest was booked as the ringmaster for King's finale. King has conducted some 50,000 interviews in a broadcasting career where he worked for decades in radio before joining CNN in 1985. He's recorded more than 6,000 shows for CNN.

Before Fox News Channel and MSNBC even existed, King was cable news' top-rated program. Politicians, entertainers, leaders of industry and the faces of news stories hot in the moment all sat across the table from King. Some critics said he often seemed ill-prepared and tossed softballs, while King described his style as "minimalist," with the goal of getting his guests to talk.

Rival MSNBC saluted King by buying an ad in USA Today on Thursday, calling King "one of a kind."

"Larry, thank you for everything you've done to advance cable news," the ad read.

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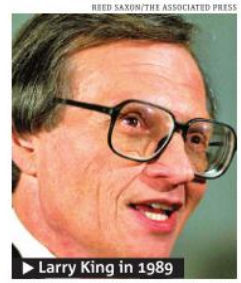

▶ Larry King in 1989

Others were less nostalgic: The Los Angeles Times website posted videos of King's most embarrassing moments, including when he asked an incredulous Jerry Seinfeld whether NBC had cancelled his top-rated comedy.

It's been a muted exit for King, with CNN touting Morgan's upcoming show in ads more than King's. Even as the end neared, King finished fourth in his time slot for Tuesday's interview with the Judds, behind Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity, MSNBC's Rachel Maddow and CNN sister network HLN's Joy Behar. King interviewed Barbra Streisand on Wednesday night.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inside a Modern Family

TV couple talk onscreen chemistry, their dream casting decisions, and how the show imitates real life

One of the best sitcoms to hit television in recent years is the Emmy award winning show Modern Family. The hilarious storylines revolve around a married gay couple who've adopted a Vietnamese daughter; an older man and his much younger vivacious Colombian wife; and a homemaker married to a big kid of a husband raising their three children.

Actors Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet play married couple Mitchell and Cameron, and Stonestreet won an Emmy this year for his comedic role. Metro sat down with the on-screen couple.

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▶ Eric Stonestreet, left, and Jesse Tyler Ferguson.

What is your definition of a "modern family?"

JTF: To me it means something that is all encompassing; all ethnicities, all sexualities and no ageism. I would hope that would be the universal term. I had never really given it much thought until I heard Ricky Martin refer to his family as a 'modern family,' which I thought was kind of interesting.

Has a storyline ever been stolen from your own lives and ended up on the show?

JTF: Oh yeah, lots. I had to come out to my father three times, so that was in the script. And ironically, my dad used to make T-shirts for us kids and Jay makes these T-shirts that read: Clear and Present Danger. But just so we're clear, my father has got that I'm a gay man now!

Can you talk about how we've learned to know about your characters since we meet Cam's mother (played by Celia Weston)?

ES: I say in that episode that she's raised many kids, a couple of barns and a whole lot of hell, so now we know that Cam has siblings who we'll eventually meet at some point. I loved working with Celia as I remember her from watching Alice as a kid.

She plays the perfect inappropriate mother who gives a lot of open mouth kisses to people she meets for the first time, which is a storyline taken from one of the writers' personal experiences.

JTF: We are now excited to meet who Cam's sister might be. We do casting calls in our heads all the time ... What about this person? We've cast Al Pacino in about seven different roles!

Your relationship is so convincing on the show. Did it come naturally to you both?

JTF: Eric and I are so comfortable around each other. We did do a chemistry read in the very beginning but I think it comes down to the fact that we like each other as people. We had that instant comfort zone, which was lucky for both of us.

ES: Chemistry from my perspective comes from a sort of willingness and an open heart to service the moment, the scene, the script and chemistry also comes from a desperation for your career!

Like, we desperately realized that this was a great show and we had a great opportunity to have an awesome relationship on the show, so we wanted to make this work.

"To me (a modern family is) something that is all encompassing; all ethnicities, all sexualities and no ageism. I would hope that would be the universal term." JESSE TYLER FERGUSON

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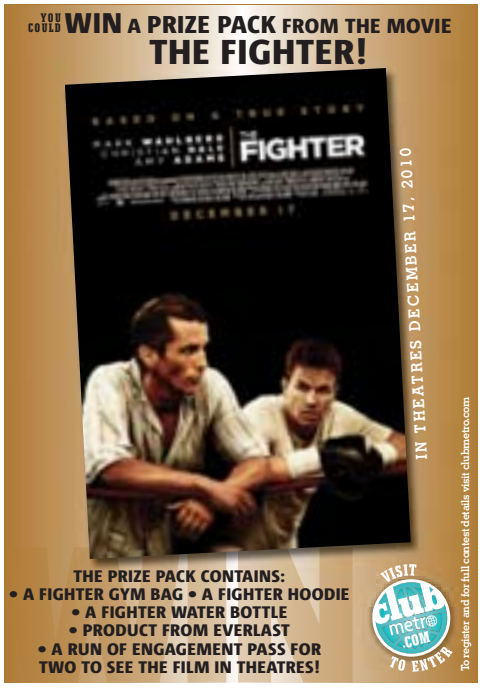
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TV picks

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MOVIES. Christmas favourite Home Alone provides a tempting reason to stay in on a Friday night. It airs on CBC at the exact same time as its 1992 sequel – Home Alone 2: Lost in New York – which broadcasts on W. (Friday)

Tron star Bridges tackles SNL

VARIETY. True Grit star Jeff Bridges will host Saturday Night Live for the second time – 27 years removed from his first stint, when he and his brother, Beau, appeared on SNL when young comic Eddie Murphy was the show's featured star. Eminem is the musical guest. (Saturday, NBC, Global)

Big-screen legends take over late night

LATE NIGHT. The Late Show with David Letterman on CBS welcomes two marquee guests in Dustin Hoffman and Robert DeNiro. Hoffman is promoting roles in the comedy Little Fockers as well as the acclaimed Canadian film Barney's Version. And night owls can catch Toronto hip hop producer Boi-1da perform on Last Call with Carson Daly. (Friday, NBC)

Bart got his start in this episode

CARTOON. See the episode of The Simpsons that started it all. In this 1989 Christmas special, the first full-length episode of the show ever to air, Homer takes a job as a mall Santa because he's denied his annual bonus at work. The animation was crude, but the razor-sharp wit and many of the beloved characters were already in place. (Saturday, Comedy)

Survivor 21 ceases with special

REALITY. The 21st season of Survivor, this one based in Nicaragua, comes to a close with a two-hour finale followed by a one-hour reunion special. One ruthless player will walk away with $1 million. (Sunday, CBS, Global)

'Tis the season to snicker and chuckle

MOVIES. It's time for a Griswold Family Christmas on CBC, which is airing the beloved 1989 holiday comedy National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. But it isn't the only celebrated comedy on this evening. CTV is airing Uncle Buck while Dumb and Dumber and Zoolander are on CHCH. (Sunday)

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Boy bands to sing at ball drop

New Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys are bringing their '90s boy-band magic to Dick Clark's annual New Year's Eve TV special.

Producers say the two groups are mashing up to close out 2010 on the ABC special.

The two bands, who have melded their monikers to become NKOTBSB, performed together live for the first time on the Dick Clark-produced American Music Awards last month. The supergroup plans to tour North America together next summer.

Pop singers Ke$ha and Taio Cruz are also set to perform from New York's Times Square on Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2011, which begins at 10 p.m. EST on Dec. 31 and ends around 2 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Other performers include Jennifer Hudson, Willow Smith, Ne-Yo and Train. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So Sue me: Lynch gets into character

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Actress/comedian Jane Lynch still can't believe she has an Emmy for her role as the brutally honest, back talking, Sue Sylvester in the Fox musical comedy Glee.

Metro sat down with Lynch to find out what makes Sue Sylvester really tick.

What do you have in common with your character?
That warrior attitude of being as tough as you can so no one can get to that squishy centre inside. I have an aggressive part of me. I didn't have to dig too deep to find her. I think she's an exaggeration of me. It's that part, "You will not get the better of me!" I love that about Sue.

Sue is a bit of a bully, but what was your own high school experience like?
In high school I played the safe path. In schools in the States there's a really strong hierarchy and I instinctively kept myself under the radar. I had a group of girlfriends who were Pom Pom girls and cheerleaders and some were math nerds, but we all kind of hung together. Then I would go off and sing in the choir and perform in plays, so I did what I wanted to do but I also hung out with the cool kids.

Do you identify with anyone in the cast?
I identify with Jenna who plays Tina, because she's kind of in the background. She doesn't make waves and people don't really know how talented she is until she starts to sing.

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▶ Actress Jane Lynch began her career in sketch comedy, touring with Chicago's Second City.

How many tracksuits does Sue own? And are you going to launch your own line?
(Laughs) I'm not going to start designing my own line of tracksuits, although I think that would be a good idea. Note to self! I have about 20 now and they are always making more. The wardrobe stylist would come up to me and ask, "What about this colour tracksuit with this piping?" And I say either yes or no. We have two styles: the one with the high neck and then the crew neck with the zips. I love wearing them, because you are basically getting back into your pajamas when you go to work.

Does your wardrobe help make the character?
Yes, it's like armour for her. She fancies herself a soldier, a warrior type. She knows what works and people fear it.

Who were your influences growing up?
Carol Burnett. She was a dream come true to work with. I would watch her on Saturday nights. At the time we didn't have VCRs — it was back in the Stone Age and I would place my little tape recorder up against the television and my brother and I would listen to it play over and over again. She looked like she was having so much fun.

Do you have a favorite scene from the second season?
I love that scene with Kurt where he's bullied and I call him Ladyface. And he says: "You know what, every time you call me Ladyface, that's bullying." And I respond with: "I'm sorry, I thought that was your name." And I give him a choice, I ask: "I will allow you to choose from the following three nicknames – Elfin, Porcelain or Tickle me doll-face." And he says: "I'll take Porcelain." So for the rest of the rest of the episode I call him Porcelain. That's my favorite moment.

Why do you think Glee is such a global hit?
I have been asked that many times and I have a wonderful staple answer for that. I don't there is anything more vulnerable or raw than raising your voice in song.

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Boreanaz breathes life into Bones

TV hearthrob David Boreanaz on feeling blessed, examining bodies and Booth's future with Brennan

David Boreanaz shot to overnight fame playing a vampire on the supernatural series Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

In 2005 he landed the coveted role of Special Agent Seeley Booth in the dramedy Bones.

Each episode focuses on an FBI case file concerning the mystery behind human remains, which are looked under the microscopic eye of forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance 'Bones' Brennan (Emily Deschanel).

Fans are still hopeful that the flirtatious leading actors may actually get together one day!

▶ Bones star David Boreanaz

Metro chats to David Boreanaz on the Fox lot where Bones is shot.

What is happening with the relationship between Booth and Brennan in this season?

Booth really gave his heart to Brennan on the steps in the last season and she felt like she wasn't ready for the next move. So all he can do is to continue to go forward right? In the new season, you will see that he has to confront that himself again and find out why this is possibly happening to him. I think it adds for an interesting arc to Booth's character, because you don't get a chance to dive into his head too much. But you will definitely get a good glimpse of how he thinks in the upcoming episodes. I'm not saying that he has this dark side to him but he is a little fed up with the situation and he wants to behave in a more constructive way with Brennan in the future.

What do you attribute to the success of the show now that it has reached season 6?

When we did the pilot it was obvious that the two characters were connected and they wanted to make the show about them. When we premiered on TV, we kind of popped and then we dissipated a little bit, but we maintained a really strong sense of keeping our characters together. Emily and I work really hard on driving this on a relationship basis kind of a show, so we went through lots of peaks and valleys with it. The characters have always remained at its core and the main focus has been about the relationship, which has survived a lot. I love that the two are solving crimes and they are having a conversation over a dead body about what they ate last night!

Where would be your ideal location to shoot an episode?

I would really like to go to Cape Town in South Africa. I've been there before. I think going on Safari would be hilarious between the two of them. If we were to shoot an episode in the United States, I always thought New Mexico would be an interesting place. We could shoot in a vortex in Sante Fe. How about that?

What's the biggest perk of the job?

I consider being fortunate to work on a show with a great group of people such a great perk. It's a blessing to have a long series on television. One day you could be shooting the show and the next you could be out on an audition and be out of work for two years. You just never know what's in store for you as an actor.

So for me the perks are enjoying the moments in front of me, rather than getting the best table in a restaurant.

How tough was it for you to adjust to the grueling schedule of working on a TV show?

Time wise it's tough. It's really about a balance. It helped to adjust more because I did the shows Buffy and Angel but they were difficult shows because I had to be in makeup and I had to master the fight sequences which were not only time consuming but ages you in a lot of ways. Those early morning calls can be brutal on you internally and externally! The thing about it is not let it overtake you.

What the three things must you have in your trailer?

I'm a very simple guy. I need a direct line to my family. I need the sports channel and a good ginger ale. I don't need much!

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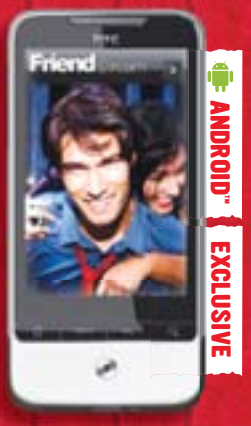

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Phair wants to bring the 'truth'

Singer not afraid to show doubts and insecurities on new album

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On her latest album, Funstyle, indie pop princess Liz Phair is up for making fun of everything from soccer moms to scenesters to, well, herself. But, she tells Metro, her songwriting is not about mockery, it's all about empathy.

"I think that as I get older, I'm more willing to show that I have doubts and insecurities," the 43-year-old Chicago native says.

"I feel like we're all in life together and one of the things I've always fought for is that we should tell each other the truth."

All of which might sound deeply serious, but Funstyle lives up to its name, meshing rap, reggae, bhangra, R&B and even spacey electronic soundscapes with Phair's trademark harmonic indie pop. It's a swings and roundabouts mix that flies from upbeat to melancholic and back again.

"I'm either really big picture or immediately right down in it," explains Phair of her emotional scope.

The record includes an intriguing bonus disc, Girlysound, which collects rarities and demos that predate Phair's tour de force debut, 1993's Exile In Guyville. Even when heavily doused in irony and bravado, Phair thinks truthfulness is an especially crucial element to her work, and these older songs show that's always been the case.

"Honesty has become increasingly important to me. I mean, it was in my earlier work anyway," she says.

"I just didn't know then how much it was going to be."

Liz and Dave?

- Among the many collaborators on Phair's Funstyle, one name stands out: Mr. Dave Matthews. Yes, he of Dave Matthews Band and jam-band scene fame.
- Phair giggles at this incongruous pair-up, but Matthews is someone of whom she's very fond, so making music together was a no-brainer.
- "When I meet a friend who does music, we just want to record together. Instead of saying 'let's get lunch,' we say: 'Let's work together. Let's do some music.'"

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▶ Ciara

Ciara One-Two steps on the comeback trail

When Ciara was churning out chart-topping singles like One, Two Step and Like a Boy, she appeared to be on the verge of superstardom, drawing some comparisons to Janet Jackson and the late Aaliyah.

But since the initial platinum-sellers Goodies and Ciara: The Evolution, she has hasn't lived up to the hype: She failed to sell more than 250,000 copies of her third album, last year's Fantasy Ride.

Ciara says she received the "most negative energy" as a result of her lacklustre sales, with bloggers and other critics declaring her music career over.

Now the 25-year-old singer, who released her fourth album, Basic Instinct, this month, says she's learned not to be concerned about selling millions of records anymore.

In a recent phone interview, she talked about how she's still making waves.

On the opening track of Basic Instinct (U Got Me), you lashed out at bloggers and critics. How important was it for you to get those things off your chest?
I wanted to speak to all the haters. I just wanted to scream out and show how I felt. People are so easy to write you off. I live for energy like that. The harder they hate, the harder I go. I do believe I will be here for a while. I'm claiming it and no one ... will make me think differently.

How do you feel when people say that your star as a singer has fallen?
Even though my last album didn't do as well as my previous ones, I was still able to go out and make money and tour. Every day is not always the perfect day. Artists that I have loved and admired, who have had a long career, have not had every record or song or video that was always the right choice.

With your previous album not selling well, are you concerned about what type of numbers you put up for Basic Instinct?
Selling records are becoming smaller fraction of branding and building a long-lasting career. You can sell a lot of records, but can you tour. You can sell records, but where does it go beyond that? That's a part of building a brand for yourself.

So at this point of your career, going on tour has bigger precedence over album sales?
Absolutely. If you can walk away from your career and are successful touring, you'll always be straight. Artists like Madonna have been doing it for years. She may put out one single, do a tour and gross over $200 million.

You are in the blogs almost every other day. Was there anything you read that rubbed you the wrong way?
It used to be funny to me when people would say, 'Oh, Ciara is going Hollywood.' And you know what, I have gone Hollywood. I do want to make Hollywood money. But it doesn't mean that I've changed who I am as a person.

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A VISIT TO THIRD MAN RECORDS

Sound Check

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A short walk from the honky-tonks of downtown Nashville and tucked next to a Mercedes-Benz repair shop on a non-descript street is Jack White's baby: Third Man Records.

The name is spelled out in art deco letters underneath a sculpture of an old-fashioned microphone on the roof.

Operating under the motto "Your turntable's not dead," Third Man is a combination record label, record store and 150-person performance venue that allow Jack to release the kind of music that he personally likes.

The building also includes a recording studio, a rehearsal space and a complete photo studio. It also serves as the global HQ for everything White Stripes.

Although the record label has been running for almost 10 years, Third Man's outlet in Nashville only opened its doors after Jack relocated to the city. It's been in business for two years and has become a must-visit for any music geek who happens to end up in Nashville.

Out front, the store takes up 150 square feet. There's a rack of displayed seven-inch singles and 12-inch releases. But it's the walls and the glass display counter where things get interesting.

There are rare White Stripes and other Third Man releases, all marked "NFS" (Not for Sale) that contribute to the museum-like atmosphere.

The glass case features NFS Jack and Meg White Russian nesting dolls, the Lego set that inspired the Fell in Love with a Girl video and the ultra-limited edition White Stripes turntables (which would be for sale if they hadn't sold out in two hours at $499 each).

I asked the woman behind the counter if they had anything weird and unusual for sale that day — like maybe the very weird "triple decker record" the Dead Weather, the glow-in-the-dark 7-inch singles or maybe the peach-scented release from Jack's wife, Karen Elsen.

"No," she said, shaking her head sadly. "When we announce something like that, we have a line-up around the block and the online orders come in by the thousands. You have to be really quick."

Just as well. By the time I was done (five 7-inch singles, a t-shirt, a 7-inch record case and some special Third Man headphones), I was down $400 in 15 minutes.

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▶ Jack White

Mainstream OK by Ditto

Lead singer of Gossip has no qualms about leaving underground

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Since the success of their 2006 album Standing in the Way of Control, U.S. indie rock group Gossip is in orbit. Metro met with the band's quirky lead singer, Beth Ditto, who's involved in issues increasingly at the heart of everyday conversation: gay rights, plus-size clothing and status.

Within a year, you have gone from playing in intimate venues to performing in front of thousands on stage. How do you feel with this growing success?

It's just crazy. I'm scared that nobody comes to see us! Some of the venues I perform in are several times bigger than my home town; I think a concert that's not full is very sad. We already experienced that, and we don't want it to happen again.

What do you say to people who accuse you of leaving the underground for the mainstream scene?

I didn't think about it, really. Maybe it just happened with time. But I don't get why people hate mainstream so much. I actually do love it: My mum loved 80s pop, and we would listen to it anytime at home.

Who are your idols?

I love Madonna, Prince, and heavy metal, of course, like Guns N' Roses! And for a long time, I thought Cindy Lauper was my sister. When I was 5, I was sure she was part of my family. We toured with her two years ago, and I started to cry when I met her. My real sister even called me to know what it was like to meet the one I thought she was my sister!

Your band Gossip is active in defending gay rights. Do you think it is helpful to be internationally known?

We come from Arkansas, where there is a strong underground scene. I think we managed to stick to our ideals, to remain honest with ourselves and towards our public. You have to treat people with respect, to remain honest to yourself and to have fun!

You recently walked for a Jean-Paul Gaultier collection. How did it go?

It was a wonderful experience. He wanted to make a surprise, as he did with Dita Von Teese last summer, and he called me, even if I have nothing to do with Dita, besides the hair. Jean-Paul is a genius, he's a self-made man, a real punk. We understand each other, and we became friends.

Do you have a few words about your collection?

I do draw clothes for (plus-size clothing retailer) Evans, only for big sizes. I launch new models in stretch, and it helps me to be more confident. I do not wear jeans, for instance, since I don't feel comfortable in them. So I create dresses and skirts.

Folks in the fashion world seem to appreciate you. Do you think you can help them to change their mentality towards physical appearance?

I don't think so. But it doesn't matter. I don't expect people to change just for me. I can maybe help or inspire people who don't feel good, who feel fat although they're normal. They are as many different bodies than people on this earth, and none is better than the other.

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▶ Singer Beth Ditto of The Gossip.

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A newer, softer version of Idol

With Simon Cowell gone, new season won't feature the same criticism of contestants seen in past

American Idol has lost its mean streak.

The hit Fox television show once exalted equally for its sensational singing and cutting criticism is embracing a softer approach this year following the exit of top villain Simon Cowell and the addition of new judges Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler.

The famous performers said they are taking turns nurturing this year's contestants, some as young as 15 for the first time ever, and providing tough feedback.

"We all want them to do well because we actually believe in them," said music producer Randy Jackson, the lone remaining original Idol judge.

The change is part of an ongoing makeover of the popular singing contest as the former mega-hit enters its 10th season with sagging ratings. Hoping to borrow some of Sin City's showbiz sparkle, Jackson, Tyler and Lopez moved to Las Vegas for the week to narrow down a group of 60 finalists to 40 favourites.

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American Idol's ratings dropped 8 per cent last season. As part of its makeover, results episodes will move from Wednesday to Thursday nights when the show returns in January; Tuesday performances will move to Wednesdays.

The episode is being filmed at the LOVE theatre, a Beatles tribute hall at the Mirage hotel and casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

This is the first time American Idol has taken its so-called Hollywood round on the road.

During the episode, contestants will sing Beatles' tunes on stage with a live band, Lopez said.

"You really get to see who are the performers and who is not going to be the performers," said Lopez, clad in a silver jumper that barely covered her tanned thighs, at a news conference outside the theatre yesterday.

Judge Paula Abdul left in 2009, and Cowell didn't return this year.

The new season is expected to play down its usual celebrity guest appearances and focus on the drama of the competition.

But there will be some star moments. Interscope chairman Jimmy Iovine and celebrity producer Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins have signed up to work with the would-be stars.

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▶ American Idol judge Randy Jackson, left, and host Ryan Seacrest.

Burton Cummings fostering his fanbase with Twitter

Burton Cummings remembers being a Beatles-obsessed teenager and can only imagine how cool it would've been if he could've messaged John Lennon.

Which is why the former Guess Who frontman is a big Twitter user and a frequent blogger.

"Back in the day if I could've emailed John Lennon or Jim Morrison or some of these people who are gone now, just to think they might've read my stuff, I would've been thrilled," said Cummings during a recent interview.

"I've got these people who literally have been following me for 40 years, they like my songs, and now there's a place for all of us to congregate."

▶ Burton Cummings

Cummings is one of many musicians who are using social media to foster their fanbase by interacting with followers personally online.

If there's a downside to it, it's that some musicians may be overexposing themselves, he said.

"The big difference, I think, between then and now is there was still some mystery then, some wonderment ... and there's none of that anymore," Cummings said.

"There's no more hiding anymore. In a sense that makes me sad, everything's a bit too much out in the open sometimes, too immediate."

Rapper Kardinal Offishall says he doesn't really tweet his thoughts much and sticks mostly to sharing pictures of what's going on around him.

"Let's get it straight: I'm a TwitPic'er, I'm not a Twitterer," he said.

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AWARD SEASON
FILM

Hollywood's annual pat-on-the-back season is underway, and The King's Speech looks to be a popular favourite. The film, starring Colin Firth, above, has received various nods over the last week, including SAG and Golden Globe nominations.

SALT
DVD

Angelina Jolie's film about a top CIA agent who is accused of being a Russian agent gets its release on DVD and Blu-ray on Tuesday. There are no special features slated for the release, but it is a Jolie action film, so do we really need bonus material?

▶ Paul Giamatti stars in Barney's Version.

TIFF FILMS
MOVIES

Looking for a movie to rent or see over the holidays? The Toronto International Film Festival released its Top 10 picks and it includes Barney's Version, Incendies and Splice.

Others mentioned are Les Amours imaginaires, (Heartbeats), Trigger, and The High Cost of Living. The full list is at tiff.net.

OSCAR SONGS
MOVIES

Avril Lavigne, Justin Bieber, Metric and Alanis Morissette are among the Canadians with songs being considered for an Academy Award. They'll be vying against stars including Cher, Christina Aguilera, Gwyneth Paltrow and Randy Newman whose tunes are also among the 41 songs in the running.

JUSTIN BIEBER
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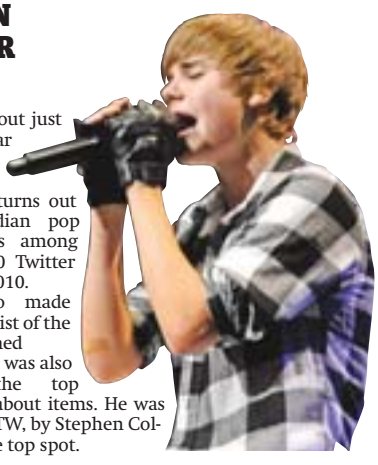

Curious about just how popular Justin Bieber really is? It turns out the Canadian pop singer was among the Top 10 Twitter trends of 2010.

He also made YouTube's list of the most-watched videos, and was also among the top retweeted-about items. He was beat out, BTW, by Stephen Colbert for the top spot.

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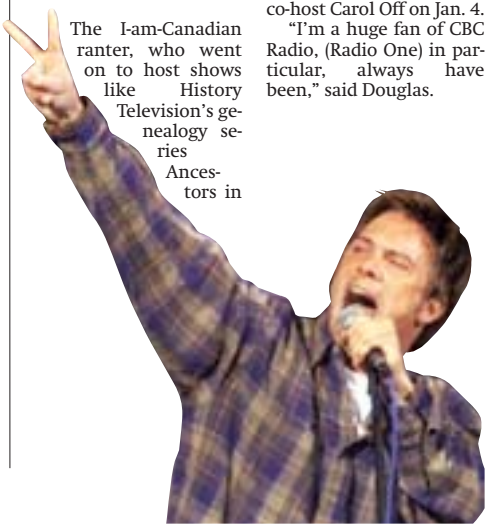

The I-am-Canadian ranter, who went on to host shows like History Television's genealogy series Ancestors in the Attic, was named the new host of As It Happens on CBC Radio this week. He starts his turn next to co-host Carol Off on Jan. 4.

"I'm a huge fan of CBC Radio, (Radio One) in particular, always have been," said Douglas.

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ALICE COOPER
FAME

One of music's original shock rockers was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this week. Alice Cooper received the honour along with Neil Diamond, Darlene Love and singer-songwriter Tom Waits.

The Associated Press reported Cooper's name was mentioned in the past as a possible inductee, but he hadn't been nominated until this year.

Mix of Six

Theatre
Bah! Humbug!

A new theatrical adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol by SFU Woodward's and Vancouver Moving Theatre at Fei and Milton Wong Experimental Theatre plays both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $29 for adults and $19 for students. Visit sfuwoodwards.ca for details.

Dance
Dance for Food Bank

The Urban Beat Dance Company is holding swing dance lessons and dance performances to fundraise for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

The fundraiser runs Sunday from 8 p.m. until late at 927 Granville St. For more info visit urbanbeatdanceco.com.

Activity
Christmas in Kerrisdale

Kerrisdale is celebrating Christmas with fun activities such as free horse and carriage rides, Christmas quartets and Santa and his Elves.

The event, by the Kerrisdale Business Association runs Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors will enjoy free skating with live music at the Kerrsdale Arena. Visit kerrisdalevillage.com for more info.

Parade
Unsilent Night Vancouver

Join the 10th quirky Christmas parade of boom boxes through downtown on Sunday night.

Participators meet at Pacific Boulevard and Bidwell Street at 6:45 p.m.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. and will head through the West End. Organizers will provide the music. More info at unsilentnight.com

Food
Breakfast with Santa

There are still chances to join this popular family event. It will be held at Kensington Community Centre on Saturday and at Kerrisdale Community Centre on Sunday. Booking in advance is necessary. Visit vancouver.ca/parks for detail.

Art
Woodward's Christmas Carol

Sing a song and break a world record. The first Woodward's Christmas Carol will start noon Saturday at the Woodward's Plaza, in front of SFU entrance (149 W Hasting St.) Opera singer Mark Donnelly will lead the carol. Visit woodwardsevents.blogspot.com for more info.

Ent. in brief

'Virgin' actor gets life in jail

SENTENCE. Shelley Malil, who appeared in the film The 40-Year-Old Virgin, has been sentenced to life in prison with possible parole for stabbing his ex-girlfriend more than 20 times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twins on the way for Mariah, Nick

Only two others knew Carey was expecting twins — the Obamas Singer suffered miscarriage in 2008

Nick Cannon has confirmed that his wife, Mariah Carey, is expecting twins, but the mother-to-be had apparently already told Barack and Michelle Obama.

"Until this morning, only four people knew this wonderful news: Nick, Mariah the president of the United States and his wife. Talk about classified information," a statement on Cannon's website reads.

The posting explains that the couple saw the Obamas at the taping of a Washington Christmas special.

"While at the event, the president and first lady inquired about Mariah's pregnancy. Caught up in the emotion, Mariah made the first people she revealed the news of her twins to Barack and Michelle Obama." METRO

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon

Scarlett took a vacation to deal with divorce

Scarlett Johansson dealt with the announcement of her split from Ryan Reynolds by hightailing it to Jamaica with a few female friends, according to TMZ.

Sources tell TMZ that the couple's hectic work schedules may have been part of the reason for their impending divorce. "She's been unhappy for a while," a source says.

"No one had any idea this was coming. They kept their private life so secret that I doubt we will ever really know what went wrong." METRO

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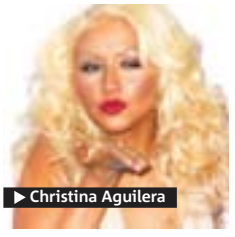
Aguilera's ex seeks custody

Jordan Bratman is reportedly angling to get custody of his and Christina Aguilera's son, Max, according to Star magazine.

"The more Jordan hears about Christina and [new boyfriend] Matthew [Rutler], the more determined he is to keep Max," a source says.

"He doesn't want his son around his ex's random new guy. Christina floats in and out of Max's life. He's there every day and goes to almost all the parent-teacher meetings alone.

"While Jordan was at home taking care of Max during the Thanksgiving holiday, Christina was in Rhode Island meeting Matthew's family. She's acting like an 18-year-old on Spring Break." METRO


Christina Aguilera

Dexter star's divorce stokes rumors

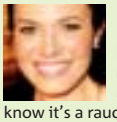
Dexter star Michael C. Hall announced earlier this week that he and wife Jennifer Carpenter are divorcing, and now some on the series are speculating that his growing coziness with co-star Julia Stiles was behind the split, according to Hollyscoop. "The way he's been behaving lately you would have never thought his marriage just ended," says a source who notes that Hall and Stiles "have a lot of chemistry and seemed to be extra cosy" together. METRO

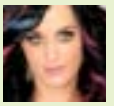
Paris not invited to Nicole's wedding

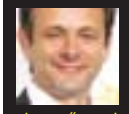
While Nicole Richie married Joel Madden in Los Angeles last weekend, former best friend Paris Hilton was partying in Las Vegas.

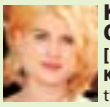
There's clearly no love lost between the two; when Germany's In magazine asked Richie about why Hilton wasn't invited, Richie said, "We only wanted to celebrate with the people who we love and who care about us." METRO

Celebrity tweets


Mandy Moore [@The Mandy Moore] you know it's a raucous saturday night when you're in bed watching "the knife show" @ 9pm.


Katy Perry [@katy perry] Tonight's message: water the root, enjoy the fruit!


Michael Sheen [@michael sheen] Used the phrase "rectal quiver" which I believe is a first.


Kelly Osbourne [@Miss KellyO] Sitting in the airport and it's bloody boiling I can't believe I am only going to LA for 12 hours. at least I get to see my mum and dad!!!

Arquette says he's in rough shape after split from Cox

David Arquette says he isn't really taking his split from Courteney Cox well — and that he's even having a nervous breakdown.

"I've been drinking a lot because I'm heartbroken," Arquette told Howard Stern during another visit to the host's radio show.

"It's really a personal, traumatic thing. Everyone is worried and concerned about me." Arquette added that he's started seeing a psychiatrist every week. METRO

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'Tis the season for festive drinks. But what should you have in your liquor cabinet?
Our expert breaks down the essentials that are sure to impress you guests

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▶ Cocktails add a bit of flare to any holiday gathering, while Vodka is this season's must-have.

Holiday cheer in a glass

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Guests: They're as much a part of Christmas as Old Saint Nick and those neighbours of yours who insist on leaving their decorations up until Easter.

Whether they've been officially invited or just drop in unannounced, being prepared with a glass of seasonal cheer will show that you have a real handle on the holidays.

Cocktails can add a bit of flare to any party. Even if your mixology skills are lacking, sticking with straight forward favourites like the martini and Bloody Caesar — which don't take much dexterity behind the bar to create — or simple two component combinations like gin with tonic and rum with Coke, will give your gathering a lounge vibe, without too much effort or talent required.

Vodka (this season's hottest and most versatile spirit) is a must for any home bar, as is Canadian whisky, gin and rum.

If you're like me and Christmas isn't complete without at least one glass of eggnog, consider having a bottle of spiced rum on hand. Nothing enhances all that creamy goodness better than the exotic flavours spiced rum brings to the mix.

Liqueurs are always a treat this time of year either on their own, combined in a mixed drink or added to coffee.

Unless you're going to go all Tom Cruise with your cocktail selection, you actually won't need much more than the big three: Grand Marnier (cognac and orange), Kahlúa (rum and coffee) and Baileys (Irish whiskey and cream).

When it comes to beer, keep things simple by offering a mainstream, lager-style brew from Canada along with one of the many light beers that are available.

If you know you've got a few beer aficionados on your guest list, you might consider chilling a few individual bottles of U.K. ale and European lager.

And then there's the wine. For a larger group, it's best to select wines that are medium-bodied, fruit-forward and easy-drinking to appeal to the broadest number of palates.

White wines made from riesling, sauvignon blanc and chardonnay from Australia, Chile and California are reliable crowd pleasures.

As are red wines made from merlot, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon produced in the same countries.

Don't spend a bundle on a bottle. As a general rule, the more you spend, the fuller and richer the wine will be.

You want to keep things balanced so reach for a mid-priced wine.

Consider larger format sizes as well. Not only are most a blend of a number of grape varieties (which equals better balance), they keep much longer than wine from a standard sized bottle.

The average "bag-in-box" wine will stay fresh for more than a month and be drinkable well into the New Year.

Party tricks

Looking for some hints to make your party the envy of your friends?

2 For Couples has released a Party Tricks 1.0 app, which includes inspiration for recipes and menus.

It also has cocktail ideas, along with mouth-watering recipes and wine-pairing information. The app is available from itunes.apple.com.

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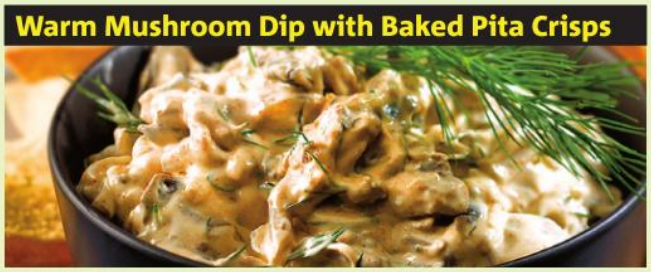
Children may want to share some of these yummy German cookies with Santa.

Warm Mushroom Dip with Baked Pita Crisps



This light mushroom dip is superb with easy to make low fat crisps. The crisps remain fresh in an airtight container — so it's safe to make a big batch.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter or vegetable oil
- 1 lb. (500 g) fresh mushrooms, finely chopped
- 2 tsp (10 ml) lemon juice
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 ml) light sour cream
- 2 tsp (10 ml) Each dried dill weed and paprika
- ½ tsp (2 ml) salt
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) pepper
- Baked pita crisps

Preparation:

1. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in mushrooms, lemon juice, garlic and onions sauté until tender and the liquid given off by the mushrooms has evaporated, about 5 - 7 minutes.
2. Reduce heat to simmer. Mix in sour cream, dillweed, paprika, salt and pepper and simmer until slightly thickened and warm.
3. Serve warm with pita crisps, multigrain, low fat crackers or breadsticks. Makes 1 cup (250 ml) or 16 servings.
4. **Baked Pita Crisps:** Cut 2 whole wheat pita breads in half horizontally with scissors or serrated knife. Cut each half into 8 triangles. Arrange in single layer on cookie sheet; bake on 400 F (200 C) for 8 - 10 minutes or until lightly browned. For variation: Substitute 4 small whole wheat flour tortillas for pitas. Also, substitute 2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh minced dill for the dried and garnish with fresh dill sprigs

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▶ Cream liqueur lava cake.

Infuse the spirit of flavoured liqueurs into decadent desserts

- Chefs incorporate these after-dinner digestives in elegant treats
- Learn how you can add a dash of liquor for a lot of flavour.

Cream Liqueur Lava Cake

Makes six servings.
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Ingredients:

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) dark chocolate chips
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 egg yolks
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour
- 100 ml (3 1/2 oz) cream liquor
- Icing sugar, for garnish

Preparation:

1. In a saucepan, melt chocolate chips and butter together.
2. Whisk in sugar, then slowly add in eggs and yolks. Whisk in flour and cream liqueur.
3. Pour mixture into buttered 170 g (6 oz) ramekins. Bake in a 220 C (425 F) oven for 13 minutes.
4. Unmould while warm onto serving plates, dust with icing sugar and serve immediately.

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Liqueurs are sweetened spirits with ingredients like flowers, herbs, seeds, spices, nuts, leaves and barks. Their bases are brandy, rum, whisky or other spirits.

Generally used as a digestive served in a tiny glass after dinner, liqueurs are frequently incorporated by chefs into elegant desserts.

Pastry chef Mia Bachmaier has used liqueurs in her baking for 20 years, beginning at her family's restaurant in Germany.

"The alcohol is there just to underline and to bring out the flavours of the desserts," she explains. "It's used in moderation. You don't want to overpower a dessert with too much alcohol."

Bachmaier's favourite is dark rum, which she uses in chocolate recipes.

"I use it in a chocolate mousse cake and it is so light I even make it for my kids' birthday cakes," she adds. "It shouldn't give a buzz and I love using rum or Kirsch in my sponge cakes, which moistens them."

Kirsh is a clear brandy distilled with cherries.

Michael Wilson says that there are many more varieties of cream liqueurs than there used to be and these lend themselves to use in rich desserts.

"These can be used in place of cream," says the Barrie, Ont., chef. "You can heat them up, mix in dark or semi-sweet chocolate and make a ganache, which could be used as a filling in a light cake or to spread over a cheesecake."

Wilson says that if using whiskey, the flavour can be strong, "so you have to pare back the amount."

"Typically, if you are using rum or an Irish whiskey it is excellent in a caramel rum sauce for a Christmas pudding or on a warm chocolate soufflé."

Wilson says when a recipe calls for a vanilla or lemon extract, a liqueur can replace it.

Wilson has noticed cream liqueurs have been catching on.

"Baileys Irish Cream dominated the market," he says. "The new versions of cream liqueurs are being used in coffee, eggnogs and replacing table or whipping cream in desserts." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Add liqueur

Here are some tips on using liqueurs in festive desserts.

- Place strawberries in a stemmed glass and pour Champagne over them.
- Make chocolate fondue by combining 170 g (6 oz) chocolate chips and 75 ml (1/3 cup) whipping cream in pan; melt. Remove from heat, add 15 ml (1 tbsp) liqueur.

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▶ Chef Mia Bachmaier uses liqueurs in her desserts.

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Kesler's silence speaks volumes

'I think I've matured as a human being over the past couple of months,' says focused centre

Ryan Kesler is letting his production do the talking.

The big centre has been a silent weapon for the Vancouver Canucks this NHL season, scoring crucial goals and making big defensive plays. All the while he's keeping his mouth in check and his mind on the game.

It hasn't always been that way. There used to be nights when Kesler would yap and chirp at the opposition. While his tongue was sharp, he sometimes lost the point of the game.

"Last year I think I hurt the team and hurt myself when I was running my mouth a lot," Kesler said after practice yesterday.

"It's just helped me on the ice. When you play whistle to whistle it's a lot easier to play the game."

Being the big, quiet type has resulted in Kesler playing some of his best hockey.

He scored all three goals in Vancouver's 3-2 overtime win against the Columbus Blue Jackets Wednesday. It was the first hat trick of his seven-year NHL career and his 12th game-winning goal.

At six foot two and 200 pounds, Kesler combines speed and power. His quickness can leave a defenceman grasping at air.

In 29 games this year Kesler has 15 goals, second on the Canucks, and 24 points. He has three two-goal games. Six of his goals have come as part of the Canucks' first-unit power play.

Playing with Daniel and Henrik Sedin with the man advantage has freed up space for Kesler, who is willing to take punishment in front of the net to score goals.

"Now I have learned how to play without the puck and how to get open for them. It's been a big difference in my game," said Kesler, who was counted on to quarterback last year's second-unit.

But Kesler is more than a scoring threat. He kills penalties and takes important faceoffs. He leads all Canuck forwards by averaging over 20 minutes of ice time a game.

"He's out there in every critical situation we can come up with," said associate coach Rick Bowness. "He's doing everything for us."

Prior to the season, Vancouver general manager Mike Gillis and coach Alain Vigneault talked with Kesler. They told him to tone down the trash talk and concentrate on his game.

"They wanted me to become a better leader, a better player every year," said Kesler. "The biggest reason I changed was I was hurting my team. My play wasn't where it needed to be."

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Nice foresight

Prior to the 2006 season, Kesler was a restricted free agent coming off a 23-point year. Bobby Clarke, who was then the general manager of the Philadelphia Flyers, signed him to a one-year, $1.9-million US offer sheet.

- Dave Nonis had negotiated a deal that would have paid Kesler around $900,000 US. Sensing Kesler's potential, Nonis matched Clarke's offer.
- Kesler has not spent a lot of time wondering how different life might have been had he become a Flyer.
- "It hasn't even entered my mind," he said.

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▶ Ryan Kesler has toned down the trash talk so far this season.

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"When you're talking with passion, sometimes I don't know what's coming out of my mouth, quite frankly."
WASHINGTON CAPITALS COACH BRUCE BOUDREAU, WHO WAS CAUGHT CURSING UP A STORM BY HBO'S CAMERAS ON THE NEW SERIES 24/7: PENGUINS-CAPITALS, ROAD TO THE NHL WINTER CLASSIC.

"Hopefully, people can look at him and get all over him instead of me now."
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d-Montreal	32	19	11	2	0	85	69	40	12-5-2-0	7-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
d-Washington	33	18	11	2	2	99	94	40	12-4-1-2	6-7-1-0	3-5-1-1	L7
Pittsburgh	33	21	10	2	0	104	78	44	10-6-1-0	11-4-1-0	8-2-0-0	L2
NY Rangers	34	20	13	1	0	104	87	41	8-8-1-0	12-5-0-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Atlanta	33	17	11	1	4	102	96	39	9-6-0-2	8-5-1-2	6-2-0-2	L2
Tampa Bay	31	17	10	2	2	96	107	38	8-2-1-1	9-8-1-1	6-2-0-2	W2
Boston	30	16	10	1	3	86	63	36	7-5-1-2	9-5-0-1	4-4-1-1	L3
Carolina	30	14	12	0	4	85	92	32	6-5-0-1	8-7-0-3	4-3-0-3	W3
Ottawa	33	14	16	2	1	74	97	31	8-8-1-1	5-8-1-0	4-4-1-1	W1
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Florida	29	13	16	0	0	74	76	26	6-6-0-0	7-10-0-0	3-7-0-0	L2
New Jersey	30	9	19	1	1	56	88	20	5-7-1-1	4-12-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
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d-Dallas	31	18	10	1	2	89	86	39	11-3-1-1	7-7-0-1	6-2-1-1	L1
d-Vancouver	29	17	8	2	2	94	76	38	10-3-1-1	7-5-1-1	6-3-1-0	W2
Nashville	30	16	8	4	2	79	72	38	8-1-3-2	8-7-1-0	7-1-1-1	W4
Colorado	31	17	10	4	0	112	98	38	8-4-1-0	9-6-3-0	5-2-3-0	W4
Anaheim	35	17	14	2	2	91	102	38	11-6-0-1	6-8-2-1	6-3-0-1	L1
San Jose	32	16	11	4	1	96	93	37	8-4-2-1	8-7-2-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	29	17	11	1	0	82	71	35	11-2-1-0	6-9-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
St. Louis	30	15	10	2	3	80	84	35	10-2-0-2	5-8-2-1	3-5-1-1	W1
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Columbus	31	16	12	2	1	81	88	35	8-7-0-1	8-5-2-0	3-5-1-1	L3
Chicago	33	16	14	2	1	104	100	35	8-9-0-0	8-5-2-1	5-4-1-0	L3
Calgary	32	14	15	1	2	89	93	31	9-6-0-0	5-9-1-2	5-4-0-1	W2
Minnesota	30	13	13	1	3	72	89	30	7-7-0-2	6-6-1-1	4-4-1-1	L2
Edmonton	31	12	14	1	4	84	108	29	6-8-1-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
N.Y. Islanders 3 Anaheim 2
N.Y. Rangers 4 Phoenix 3 (SO)
Carolina 3 Atlanta 2 (SO)
Montreal 4 Boston 3
St. Louis 6 Los Angeles 4
Ottawa 3 Minnesota 1
San Jose 4 Dallas 3 (OT)
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Edmonton 6 Columbus 3
Wednesday's results
Vancouver 3 Columbus 2 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Montreal 3
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Nashville 3 San Jose 2
New Jersey 3 Phoenix 0
N.Y. Rangers 4 Pittsburgh 1
Tampa Bay 2 Atlanta 1 (SO)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Nashville at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 9 p.m.

FLAMES 5, LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Toronto, Kulemin 10 (MacArthur, Beauchemin) 6:14
2. Calgary, Backlund 4 (Morrison) 7:11
Penalties — Aulie Tor (hooking) 13:03, Grabovski Tor (unsportsmanlike conduct-diving), Pardy Cal (tripping) 17:14.
Second Period
3. Calgary, Tanguay 9 (Stajan, Iginla) 15:17
4. Calgary, Jokinen 5 (Babchuk, Hagman) 15:50 (pp)
5. Calgary, Bourque 13 (Jokinen) 16:14
Penalties — Calgary bench (too many men; served by Jokinen) 11:58, Grabovski Tor (tripping) 15:40.
Third Period
6. Calgary, Hagman 8 (Jokinen, Giordano) 2:30 (pp)
7. Toronto, Grabovski 10 (Versteeg) 8:45
Penalty — Grabovski Tor (hooking) 2:18. Missed penalty shot — Iginla Cal, 18:29.
Shots

Toronto	4	7	8	19
Calgary	9	15	9	33

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Giguere (24-20)(L,8-7-2), Gustavsson (start third)(9-8); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,11-14-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-1; Calgary: 2-3. **Att.** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

OILERS 6, JACKETS 3

First Period
1. Edmonton, Omark 1 (Whitney) 3:58
2. Columbus, Huselius 4 (Klesla, Umberger) 5:32
3. Edmonton, Eberle 8 (Hall, Gagner) 11:25
4. Columbus, Huselius 5 (Umberger, Nash) 16:19 (pp)
5. Edmonton, Penner 10 (Omark, Paajarvi) 19:29 (pp)
Penalties — Sestito Clb, Stortini Edm (fighting) 6:16, Cogliano Edm (holding) 11:56, Strudwick Edm (tripping) 15:25, Brassard Clb (holding) 18:20.
Second Period
6. Edmonton, Eberle 9 (Whitney, Hall) 3:32
7. Edmonton, Paajarvi 4 (O'Marra, Omark) 14:23
8. Edmonton, Gagner 9 (Hall) 15:12
Penalties — Commodore Clb (interference) 10:09, Voracek Clb (roughing) 14:59, Peckham Edm (roughing) 14:59.
Third Period
9. Columbus, Huselius 6 (Vermette) 18:53
Penalties — O'Marra Edm (boarding) 2:07, Klesla Clb (tripping) 8:40, Huselius Clb (tripping) 13:29.
Shots

Columbus	23	6	11	—40
Edmonton	13	15	8	—36

Goal (shots-saves) — Columbus: Mason (L,9-9-1)(28-22), Garon (start third) (8-8); Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,8-11-2)(40-37). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 1-3; Edmonton: 1-4.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	26	28	54
Stamkos, TB	24	20	44
D.Sedin, Vcr	16	21	37
Datsyuk, Det	11	26	37
St. Louis, TB	11	26	37
Perry, Ana	16	20	36
Ovechkin, Wash	12	24	36

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	20	4	.833	—
d-Miami	19	8	.704	2½
d-Chicago	16	8	.667	4
Orlando	16	9	.640	4½
Atlanta	16	10	.615	5
New York	16	10	.615	5
Indiana	11	13	.458	9
Milwaukee	10	14	.417	10
Philadelphia	10	15	.400	10½
Charlotte	9	16	.360	11½
Toronto	9	17	.346	12
Detroit	8	18	.308	13
Cleveland	7	18	.280	13½
Washington	6	17	.261	13½
New Jersey	6	19	.240	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	21	3	.875	—
Dallas	20	5	.800	1½
d-L.A. Lakers	19	7	.731	3
d-Oklahoma City	18	8	.692	4
d-Utah	18	8	.692	4
Denver	15	9	.625	6
New Orleans	15	10	.600	6½
Phoenix	12	12	.500	9
Memphis	12	14	.462	10
Portland	12	14	.462	10
Houston	10	15	.400	11½
Golden State	9	16	.360	12½
Minnesota	6	20	.231	16
Sacramento	5	18	.217	15½
L.A. Clippers	5	21	.192	17

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Last night's results
New Jersey 97 Washington 89
Boston 102 Atlanta 90
San Antonio at Denver
Wednesday's results
L.A. Lakers 109 Indiana 94
Boston 118 New York 116
Philadelphia 105 L.A. Clippers 91
Chicago 110 Toronto 93
Miami 101 Cleveland 95
Memphis 113 Charlotte 80
New Orleans 94 Sacramento 91
Oklahoma City 117 Houston 105
San Antonio 92 Milwaukee 90
Phoenix 128 Minnesota 122
Dallas 103 Portland 98
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	22	198	176	606	27.5
Stoudemire, NYK	26	262	166	695	26.7
Bryant, LAL	26	237	180	695	26.7
Nowitzki, DAL	25	239	125	626	25.0
Ellis, GOL	25	236	101	610	24.4
Gordon, LAC	24	186	175	579	24.1
James, MIA	27	215	186	646	23.9
Rose, CHI	23	212	86	550	23.9
Anthony, DEN	22	182	143	521	23.7
Wade, MIA	26	212	170	614	23.6
Westbrook, OKC	26	203	191	606	23.3
Williams, UTA	26	197	160	597	23.0
Martin, HOU	25	159	195	569	22.8
Howard, ORL	23	174	146	494	21.5
Gay, MEM	26	211	89	547	21.0
Beasley, MIN	24	206	72	504	21.0
Bargnani, TOR	25	197	99	524	21.0
Granger, IND	23	166	94	477	20.7
Love, MIN	26	178	140	529	20.3
Griffin, LAC	26	205	117	527	20.3
Scola, HOU	25	206	94	506	20.2
Ginobili, SAN	24	151	125	485	20.2
Gasol, LAL	26	199	117	515	19.8
Richardson, PHX	24	178	53	471	19.6
Lopez, NJN	25	173	135	481	19.2
Felton, NYK	26	173	91	485	18.7

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Albers on a one-year contract. Sent INF-OF Eric Patterson to San Diego to complete an earlier trade. Signed LHP Rich Hill, LHP Andrew Miller, LHP Randy Williams, LHP Lenny DiNardo, RHP Clevelan Santeliz and RHP Ryan Harvey to minor league contracts.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with INF Adam Everett on a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired LHP Paul Bargas from Colorado for C Jose Morales.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Russell Martin on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Hirotoshi Onaka to a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B-DH Edwin Encarnacion to a one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS—Promoted Dennis Lewallyn to minor league pitching coordinator and Tom Beyers to minor league hitting coordinator. Named Lee Tinsley outfield/baserunning coordinator; Bill Dancy manager of Iowa (PCL); Brian Harper manager, Marty Mason pitching coach and Mariano Duncan hitting coach for Tennessee (SL); Barbaro Garbey pitching coach and Peter Fagan trainer for Daytona (FSL); Jeff Fassero pitching coach, Ricardo Medina hitting coach and Aaron Larsen trainer for Peoria (MWL); Mark Johnson manager, David Rosario pitching coach, Desi Wilson hitting coach and Bob Grimes trainer for Boise (NWL); Frank Castillo pitching coach and Jason Dubois hitting coach for Mesa (Arizona).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Guerrier on a three-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Named Joe Ferrone national crosschecker, Jim Rooney national pitching crosschecker for amateur scouting, Drew Anderson, Brendan Hause and Shawn Whalen area scouts and Pedro Hernandez, Juan Martinez and Reinaldo Hidalgo international scouts.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Acquired RHP Henry Rodriguez and OF Corey Brown from Oakland for OF Josh Willingham.

FOOTBALL

NFL

DETROIT LIONS—Signed CB Eric King.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed WR Steve Smith on injured reserve. Signed TE Jake Ballard from the practice squad. Signed DB Ben Hannula to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Jeremy Morin to Rockford (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned C Dustin Boyd to Hamilton (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Steve Begin from Milwaukee (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled D Nikita Nikitin from Peoria (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned F Johan Harju to Norfolk (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Called up LW Aaron Volpatti from Manitoba (AHL). Sent RW Jonas Andersson to Manitoba.

AHL

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS—Announced D Kyle Lawson was reassigned to the team from Florida (ECHL).
MANITOBA MOOSE—Recalled D Yann Sauve from Victoria (ECHL).
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Signed F Andrew Carroll and D Marc-Antoine Desnoyers.

SOCCER

MLS

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Signed MF Erik Friberg.

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

(Home teams listed first)
FIRST ROUND
Top two teams in each group advance
GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Manchester City	6	3	2	1	11	6	11
x-Lech Poznan	6	3	2	1	11	8	11
Juventus	6	0	6	0	7	7	6
Salzburg	6	0	2	4	1	9	2

Yesterday's results
Red Bull Salzburg (Austria) 0, Lech Poznan (Poland) 1
Juventus (Italy) 1, Manchester City (England) 1
GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Bayer Leverkusen	6	3	3	0	8	2	12
x-Aris	6	3	1	2	7	5	10
Atletico Madrid	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
Rosenborg	6	1	0	5	3	13	3

Yesterday's results
Aris (Greece) 2, Rosenborg (Norway) 0
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1, Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1
GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Sporting Lisbon	6	4	0	2	14	6	12
x-Lille	6	2	2	2	8	6	8
Ghent	6	2	1	3	8	13	7
Levski Sofia	6	2	1	3	6	11	7

Yesterday's results
Lille (France) 3, Ghent (Belgium) 0
Levski Sofia (Bulgaria) 1, Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0
GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Villarreal	6	4	0	2	8	5	12
x-PAOK Thessaloniki	6	3	2	1	5	3	11
Dinamo Zagreb	6	2	1	3	4	5	7
FC Brugge	6	0	3	3	4	8	3

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Dynamo Kiev	6	3	2	1	10	6	11
x-BATE Borisov	6	3	1	2	11	11	10
AZ Alkmaar	6	2	1	3	8	10	7
Sheriff	6	1	2	3	5	7	5

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-CSKA Moscow	6	5	1	0	18	3	16
x-Sparta Prague	6	2	3	1	12	12	9
Palermo	6	2	1	3	7	11	7
Lausanne Sports	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Zenit	6	6	0	0	18	6	18
x-Anderlecht	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
AEK Athens	6	2	1	3	9	13	7
Hajduk Split	6	1	0	5	5	13	3

Yesterday's results
Anderlecht (Belgium) 2, Hajduk Split (Croatia) 0
AEK Athens (Greece) 0, Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 3
GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Stuttgart	6	5	0	1	16	6	15
x-Young Boys	6	3	0	3	10	10	9
Getafe	6	2	1	3	4	8	7
OB Odense	6	1	1	4	8	14	4

Yesterday's results
Stuttgart (Germany) 5, OB Odense (Denmark) 1
Getafe (Spain) 1, Young Boys (Switzerland) 0
GROUP I

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-PSV Eindhoven	6	4	2	0	10	3	14
x-Metalist Kharkiv	6	3	2	1	9	4	11
Sampdoria	6	1	2	3	4	7	5
Debreceni	6	1	0	5	4	13	3

Yesterday's results
Debreceni (Hungary) 2, Sampdoria (Italy) 0
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 0 Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 0
GROUP J

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Paris Saint-G.	6	3	3	0	9	4	12
x-Sevilla	6	3	1	2	10	7	10
Borussia Dortmund	6	2	3	1	10	7	9
Karpaty Lviv	6	0	1	5	4	15	1

GROUP K

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Liverpool	6	2	4	0	8	3	10
x-Napoli	6	1	4	1	8	9	7
Steaua Bucharest	6	1	3	2	9	11	6
Utrecht	6	0	5	1	5	7	5

GROUP L

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Porto	6	5	1	0	14	4	16
x-Besiktas	6	4	1	1	9	6	13
Rapid Vienna	6	1	0	5	5	12	3
CSKA Sofia	6	1	0	5	4	10	3

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	11	2	0	.846	415	276
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	273	242
Miami	7	6	0	.538	225	244
Buffalo	3	10	0	.231	256	339

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	8	5	0	.615	295	331
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	347	318
Houston	5	8	0	.385	316	355
Tennessee	5	8	0	.385	291	265

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	290	198
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	294	229
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	235	252
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.154	262	345

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	295	268
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	388	260
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	314	307
Denver	3	10	0	.231	269	376

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	374	308
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	329	250
Washington	5	8	0	.385	238	310
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	321	366

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	2	0	.846	335	243
New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	330	240
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	260	267
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	164	338

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	253	228
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	306	189
Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	230	274
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	285	309

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	245	268
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	261	329
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	250	314
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	243	351

WEEK 15

Last night's result
San Diego 34 San Francisco 7
Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
Kansas City at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

All Times Eastern
Tomorrow's games
NEW MEXICO BOWL
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Texas-El Paso (6-6) vs. Brigham Young (6-6), 2 p.m.
HUMANITARIAN BOWL
At Boise, Idaho
Northern Illinois (10-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5:30 p.m.
NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5), 9 p.m.

Crossword

Across

1 Lobbying grp.
4 Fusses
8 Belgrade native
12 Literary collection
13 1942 vessel
14 "Arrivederci"
15 Remove (from)
17 Jason's ship
18 Injure
19 Bedtime story?
20 Mall unit
22 Entreaty
24 Calm before the storm
25 Disadvantage
29 Japanese 34-Down
30 Sycophant
31 That girl
32 Spine
34 Unescorted, in a way
35 "Listen!"
36 Mythical man-goats
37 Grinding tooth
40 Heart of the matter
41 Frenzied
42 Fool
46 Actress Hatcher
47 Caboose's place
48 Old soap ingredient
49 Tackles' teammates
50 Bohemian
51 Longing

Down

1 Pussy foot?
2 Blackbird
3 Comprehensive
4 Agassi or Previn
5 Gossip
6 — budget
7 Witnessed
8 Ornamental beetle
9 Green acres
10 Sitar music
11 Upsurge in activity
16 Throw
19 Moist in the morn
20 Messy fellow
21 Big brass
22 Mischievous act
23 Stow cargo
25 Entrance
26 With shrewdness
27 Charlie of whodunits
28 Bar supply
30 Ski lift type
33 Light-colored uniforms
34 Cummerbund, e.g.
36 Raging hot
37 Partner
38 Portent
39 Parliamentary address
40 Summertime pest
42 Push-up provider
43 "— the fields we go"
44 Sailor's assent
45 Lair

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	6		5		4		1	
	5	3				9	7	
2								5
		2	4	5	6	1		
		8	9	2	3	7		
7								8
	4	1				2	6	
	2		6		8		4	

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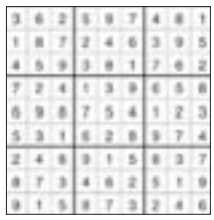
Yesterday's answer ▶



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To my coolest and funniest friend ever. im probably going to be showing you this, but anyway, isnt it cool how i got something in the newspaper? Anyway, i wish you can get me and Q to go out, like you did with Mikki and Aidan :D <3
-AMILZ

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may be tempted to tell someone what they want to hear to save their blushes but is that really such a good idea? Others trust you to give them the unvarnished truth

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The more someone tries to persuade you to go along with a project you are not that interested in the more important it is that you stick to your guns.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you let your fears get the better of you today it will make it extremely difficult to reach a sensible decision about a money matter or family issue.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Try to stay out of the way of people who rub you up the wrong way. If that means taking the day off or finding an excuse not to go to a social event then so be it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You seem to distrust someone who has never given you any obvious reason why you should not have faith in them.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Steer clear of a dispute that has nothing to do with you, even if it means putting a friendship at risk. There is no way of knowing who is right and who is wrong, so it's best not to get involved. This is not your battle.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is no point making threats when you know they won't be taken seriously.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Whatever went out of your life in recent days you will more than make up for when the Sun moves in your favor again on the 21st, so don't waste time thinking about your loss. Attitude is everything. Be positive.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Options for action may be limited today but over the weekend you will get the chance to move forward again, so be patient.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone is playing on your sympathetic nature and trying to get you to do things you don't want to do. Stop being such a nice guy and spell out for them the fact that from this point on they are on their own.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You don't mind how hard you have to work so long as the payoff is worth it. On the other hand, your health is important too, so don't be silly and push yourself beyond breaking point. Start the weekend early.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You don't like to turn people away when they come to you for help but you may have to today, simply because there are so many things you need to do for yourself.

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